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AQUEDUCT PLAN GAINS REVEALED

Whitsett Traces Progress of Colorado River Project

Metropolitan Water District Head Going to Washington

Power Allocation Comes Up There on the 15th Inst.

Declaring that the continued expansion and the investment of millions of dollars in Southern California can be blocked only through a shortage or threatened shortage of water, Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the Metropolitan Water District board of directors yesterday outlined the steps that are being taken by the district to make available large additional quantities of water through construction of the gigantic Colorado River aqueduct.

Drawing attention to the fact that the Metropolitan Water District officially was established just one year ago yesterday, Chairman Whitsett told of the progress made by the district within the past twelve months in pushing forward the aqueduct project. Mr. Whitsett made his statement on the first year's operation of the district on the eve of his departure for Washington, D. C., where he will appear before Secretary of the Interior Wilbur in connection with the latter's allocation on the 15th inst. of the hydroelectric power to be available from Boulder Dam.

HALF FOR DISTRICT

Tentatively, the Secretary of the Interior has indicated that he is prepared to allocate 50 per cent of the electricity at Boulder Dam to the Metropolitan Water District for use, if needed, in pumping the Colorado River water over the mountain barriers between the river and the cities of Southern California.

Chairman Whitsett pointed out that a board of engineers now is engaged in the selection, from some fifty-six possible routes, of the best and most economical route over which to bring this water.

DESERT COUNTRY

"Citizens of Southern California generally, I believe, are aware of the fact that the future of this marvelous country depends absolutely upon our obtaining adequate water supplies, said Mr. Whitsett.

"This is a desert or a semidesert country in which we live. In this fact lies the great charm of our Southern California. We could not have 355 days of sunshine every year if we had a great amount of rainfall.

"Owens River water, brought to Los Angeles through an aqueduct 250 miles long, has built this city from a community of 160,000 to a metropolis of 1,375,000, and now these resources of water are rapidly being used to the limit.

"To take stock of our present situation, Mr. Harold Conkling, chief of the Division of Water Rights of the State of California, made a recent study, the results of which are startling. His surveys reveal that all Southern California is faced with a water deficiency within the near future unless additional supplies are brought in.

ARTESIAN AREA REDUCED

"We know that the artesian area which existed on this coastal plain in 1888 has been reduced from 315 square miles to fifty-five square miles and is yearly becoming less.

"As the water table goes down the inflow of salt water from the Pacific Ocean is even a greater evil because it is rarely realized until the harm is done.

"Not even a confirmed optimist would declare that a country can grow beyond its capacity to supply water to the people. To analyze the situation further would be simply to enumerate the consequences of industrial stagnation. We must move onward—building and expanding.

"The only thing that can hold back this influx of people, and is doing so to a certain extent today, is the lack of the necessary water resources for expansion. To accelerate this movement we have the great demand that will be created for labor and materials necessary to build the Boulder Dam and the great aqueduct."

PUBLICITY - W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - TIMES - August 10, 1930

A page conducted by John Steven McGroarty

The other day when we were wandering under a sunny rafter of the Synagogue that stretches over the vast Valley of San Fernando, who should we meet up with but Paul Whitsett.

The New Babylon Is on Its Way

Paul, among other things, is chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, which includes eleven Southern California cities that will get water from the Colorado River when the Boulder Dam project is completed.

And that's a pretty big job for Paul Whitsett or any other man to wrestle with. It requires Paul's attention almost all his time. He has been forced to practically ditch his own business on account of it. His salary is one dollar a year.

So, when we thought of men like Paul Whitsett devoting their time and abilities to the public welfare without monetary compensation, we felt more optimistic about the future of the republic. The rocks are far ahead of us.

But, what we want to tell you about is that while we were talking with Paul, he made the statement that Los Angeles would again double its population during the next ten years, the same as it has done every ten years for fifty years past. The water from the Colorado alone will turn the trick.

And this means, Paul said, not only that the population will be doubled but that also everything that Los Angeles has will be duplicated—its buildings, streets, sewers, power lines and everything. That means a vast expenditure of wealth and tremendous prosperity for all the people.

Thus, is the new Babylon on its way—one vast city between Santa Barbara and San Diego.

And, after all, why should it not be an enduring city never to perish as the Babylon of old perished?

It will endure if it preserves its soul. And by that we mean that it shall remain clean and wholesome in spirit, not to become gross, to give thought to beauty and to live in the fear of God.

When we say this, it is not to preach. It is only to call attention to the fact that no city that lost its soul has yet endured. We only quote history when we make this statement.

Let us hope and pray that the new Babylon shall be a city of glory, of light and splendor, happiness and delight.

W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys, California - TRIBUNE - September 25, 1930

VAN NUYS MEN TELL PROMISE OF THE BIG NEW DAM

Whitsett Predicts It Will Double Size of Los Angeles

(By Dorothy Black)

"The two great projects of the Boulder Canyon Dam, and the Colorado River aqueduct, to which our men of thought and action are giving unsparingly of their time, will help conserve the great national resources, help in creating employment for our employable people, and help in cheapening the necessities and luxuries which enter into our standard of living." So spoke W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, at the program signalling the start of construction.

This tremendous and significant event, according to Mr. Whitsett, who himself is giving so unsparingly of his time and efforts to the furthering of this great construction work, is one of far reaching importance, bearing other benefits than that of the merely bringing of water to the coastal plains of Southern California. "These construction projects were undertaken, embodying these fundamentals so necessary to the stability of our government, as they furnish wealth-creating employment for our employable people, therefore creating new wealth and opportunities so necessary to enable us to carry on." His far-reaching vision of the benefit accruing construction program, bringing not only water, but employment, and consequently the building of houses, feeding, supplies, schools, improvements to care for the great army of approximately 10,000 people over a period of 10 years, embraces the great prosperity sure to follow as a result.

"This," said Mr. Whitsett, "is only a small part of the wealth-creating employment which will be made possible. The additional water brought here and added to those conditions which nature has so lavishly combined in this close proximity of ocean, valley, mountain and desert which serve as lodestones to draw population and wealth from the balance of the world to this section, will mean more than the doubling of population. To provide for as many more people as we now have, means the duplication of homes, buildings, and other improvements entering into the social and commercial activities. It means a tremendous building program which will mean so much to the west.

"Never before," continued Mr. Whitsett, "has there existed an opportunity to build so great an empire in the same time, when all the factors are known, except when water is present to add to and round out the great undertaking. This great program not only stabilizes the present situation; it means employment, happiness for all coming here to take an integral part in the life of the country."

Holloway Gives Hoover Credit

One particularly interesting and significant feature, according to B. R. Holloway, who was among those from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, was the naming of the dam by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, who formally called it the Hoover Dam. In 1921 Herbert Hoover, as Secretary of Commerce was chairman of the commission that really brought the project into being. President Hoover, with George Washington, is one of the two presidents who have been engineers.

The Los Angeles Metropolitan Water Board and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce ran two special trains, carrying those interested from this section, to the location. This great water project, said Mr. Holloway, is one in which the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is especially interested. He feels that the Hoover Dam means the future of the full development of Southern California, with its ultimate population of 10,000,000 people made possible by the supplying of water for their needs.

"Also," said Mr. Holloway, "there will be power enough for countless industries to locate here. The magnitude and scope of the project are unparalelled." Other aspects of the affair which portends so much, is that much of the material used in the construction work, will come from territory adjacent to Los Angeles.

At Las Vegas they were taken down the river in boats to the site of the dam. In the afternoon Secretary Wilbur drove the silver spike at the ceremonies. In the evening, he with many other notables, spoke.

W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys, California - N_E_W_S - September 26, 1930

DAM TO STABILIZE PRESENT SITSUATION

W. P. Whitsett Gives Talk Before Crowd at Initial Work on Great Project

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water district of Southern California, in a speech at the celebration held September 1, pictured vividly what Boulder Canyon dam and the Colorado aqueduct will meen to this part of the country.

"It will help in conserving great national resources; help create employment for our people; help to cheapen the necessities and luxuries which enter into our standard of living."

He said that these twin projects will bring water to the costal plains of Southern California, in an undertaking embodying fundamentals necessary to the stability of government, as they will furnish wealth-creating employment to an army of about 10,000 men over a 10-year period as well as furnish new wealth and opportunities so necessary to enable us to carry on.

"This," he said, "will get our people off the tax-raising, wealth-destroying special assessment jobs, and get them on wealth-creating activities which will bring them money and also build up the growth and wealth of the country.

The actual employment of such a host of people will be only a small part of the project, he brought out.

"The additional water brought to this section which nature so lavishly combined in this close proximity of ocean, valley, mountain and desert means more than the doubling of population. It means a duplication of homes, buildings and other improvements entering into the social and commercial activities." It means a tremendous building program.

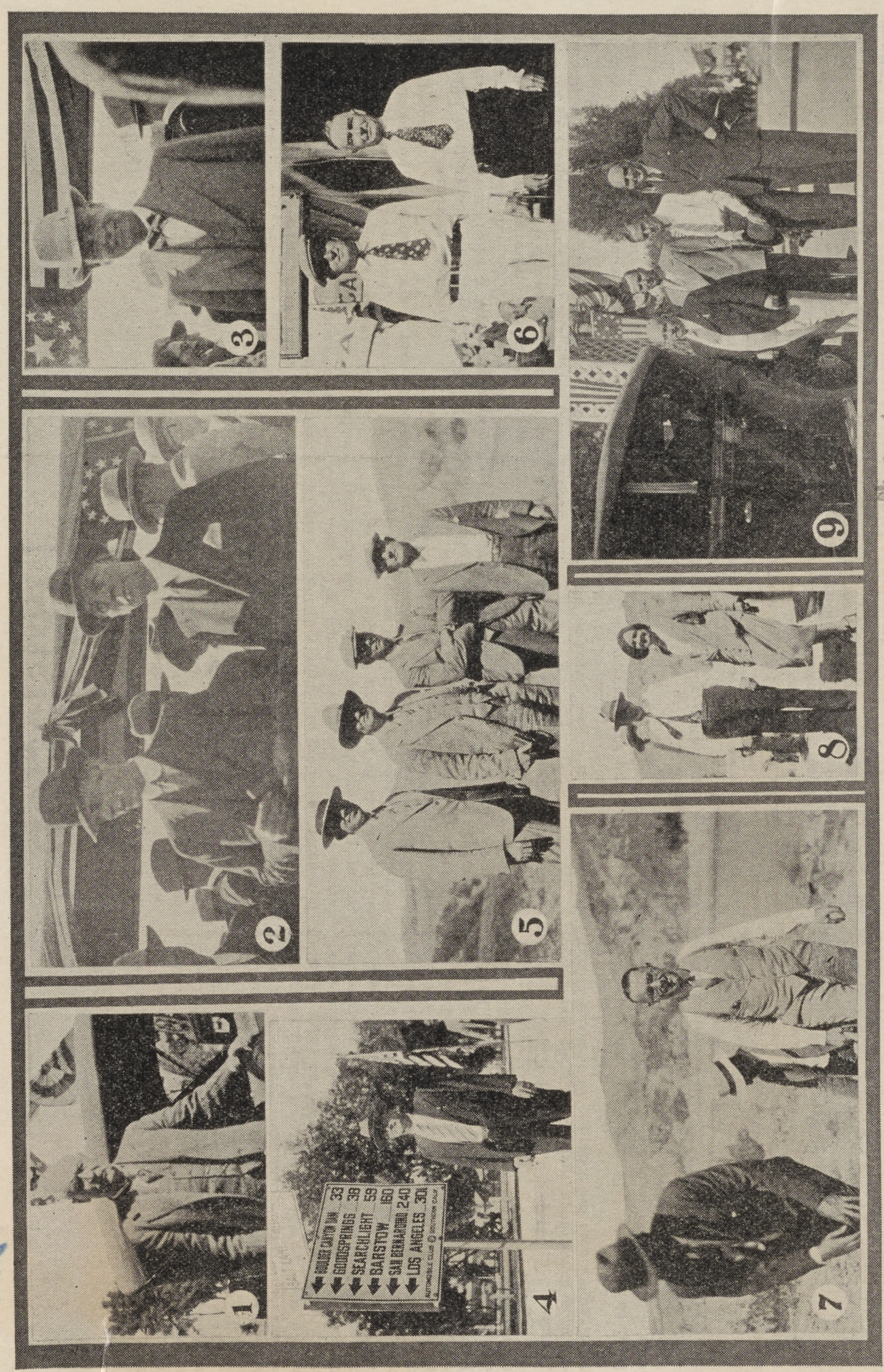
"It will stabilize the present situation, and mean employment and happiness for all coming here to take an integral part in the life of the country." Whitsett concluded.

B. R. Holloway of Van Nuys, member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, said that he feels that the project means a future of full development to Southern California with an ultimate population of 10,000,000. Much of the material used in the construction work will come from territory adjacent to Los Angeles. Not only the matter of water, but the industrial future made possible through the great power development, was pointed out by Holloway, in an interview. "There will be power enough for countless industries to locate here," he said, in talking of the magnitude and scope of the work.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE - October, 1930

Seen at Colorado River Dam Dedication



1. Hon. Wm. Mulholland. 2. Secretary Wilbur and Senator Shortridge. 3. W. P. Whitsett, President, Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District. 4. Earl Pound, of the Imperial Irrigation District. 5. B. O. Miller and Geo. LeBaron, of W. I. Hollingsworth Co., at Colorado River. 6. Clarence Patten. left, Tom Carroll, Nevada Real Estate Commissioners. 7. County Counsel Everett Mattoon, of Los Angeles, sails down the Colorado to the dam site. 8. Commissioner and Mrs. F. H. Brooks visit the Boulder Dam. 9. Left to right: Wm. Mulholland (in car), S. C. Evans, Lynn Atkinson, Tom Ingersoll, Phil Norton, at Las Vegas.

W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys, California - TRIBUNE - October 2, 1930

WHITSETTS ENTERTAIN
AT BARBECUE DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitsett on Sunday entertained at a barbecue venison dinner, in their attractive patio. The deer was grilled at the great open fireplace, and served at a long table bright with candles and flowers in Spanish effect. The deer had been brought in by their son Frank. The guests were most of them engineers of the Metropolitan Water board, with their families, and included William Mulholland and daughter Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mulholland, Mr. and Mrs. Van Norman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heffner and daughter Edith, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Still, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Machado, Albert Morris, Frank Whitsett and a cousin, James Whitsett of Pennsylvania.

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PUBLICITY - W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - EXAMINER - October 4, 1930

San Bernardino Damsite for Boulder Water Asked

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SACRAMENTO, Oct. 3.—(AP)—The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California today filed with the state division of water resources an application for permission to construct a dam in San Bernardino County to impound 717,000 acre feet of water from the Colorado River. The diversion system is to cost $20,000,000.

The concrete dam is to be 270 feet high, 590 feet long at the top and enclose 25,100 acres of land for impounding of water. The power plant is to have a capacity of 168,000 horse power generated for the purpose of pumping water, so the application stated, for municipal and domestic purposes.

The impounding area is to include lands in San Bernardino County, Cal., and Yuma and Mojave Counties, Ariz. Claimants on the water from the source of supply below the project are the Palo Verde irrigation district of Blythe, the Yuma irrigation project, Yuma, Ariz., and the Imperial irrigation district, El Centro.

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the metropolitan water district, said last night that the filing is on what is known as the Parker damsite of the Colorado River. The action is a technical protective measure to safeguard the district's interests. He said that it was not to be taken as evidence that the contemplated diversion dam below Boulder Dam will certainly be built there in preference to one of several other sites under consideration.

W. P. WHITSETT

Long Beach, California - S U N - October 8, 1930

WATER NEED EMPHASIZED

Metropolitan District Head Sees Project Only Hope for South

"There is no use fighting over an empty water hole in Southern California. There is only one place to get a big supply of water and that is from the Colorado river, and the only agency through which it can be procured is the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Beware of 'horseback surveys,' made or imagined, which are being set up to befog the real issue."

This is some of the advice imparted by W. P. Whitsett, San Fernando, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Men's City club yesterday noon. Yesterday's meeting had been called originally for the purpose of formally organizing a Long Beach committee to conduct a campaign of education in behalf of the entry of this city into the Metropolitan Water District. Because of an unexpectedly small attendance, due to conflicting engagements of members of the recently selected committee of 300 at Service club and other luncheons, the meeting was converted into the regular city club gathering.

Plan Held Feasible

"They are criticizing the Colorado river aqueduct project," Mr. Whitsett said, "charging that it is a bigger undertaking than can be carried out. I tell you that the Owens River Valley aqueduct, with its miles of tunnels, was a far bigger and more difficult engineering job in its day than the Colorado river aqueduct job will be in its day. We have new methods and machinery for tunneling and carrying on the building of the big water line.

"Los Angeles could do this job alone, but it could not prosper if its neighboring cities lacked for water. So, they are invited to come in. I have something like a million dollars worth of improved property in Southern California, and I would not gamble the next tax installment on it if I didn't know that we are going to get a big supply of water.

"If it were not for Boulder dam being built to impound the water for the aqueduct the opportunity for getting this water would not be here, and if it should pass there would be no place to go to get additional water. We lack the one element necessary to build the greatest empire in the shortest time ever dreamed of by man, and that one element is water. We've got to get it."

Not Seeking Members

"We are not soliciting membership in the Metropolitan Water District," the speaker said. "Even now constituent members are questioning the advisability of admitting other cities to membership, fearing that they may be called upon to share their water allocations. The Owens River valley aqueduct is shut off at the present time while thousands of workmen are toiling at the job of enlarging it. Our present overdraft on the subterranean supplies, due to our constantly increasing population, already makes enlargement of this aqueduct imperative."

W. Clifford Smith, president of the club, presided. A. L. Gram, executive secretary of the Metropolitan district, and John Kinsey, publicity director, accompanied Mr. Whitsett to the meeting here yesterday.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - R_E_C_O_R_D - October 9, 1930

BONDS WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES

Unqualified indorsement of the $13,300,000 power bonds today was voiced by W. P. Whitsett, prominent financier of Los Angeles and chairman of the Metropolitan Water District board of directors, who called attention to the fact that voting the power bonds November 4 will not increase taxes one cent.

"Our city-owned bureau of power and light has demonstrated its efficiency and its ability to give excellent service to the people of Los Angeles at extremely low rates," he said. "The power bureau is a business success. It is returning a handsome surplus to the city each year, despite its low taxes.

"This power bureau pays all interest and annual principal charges on all of its bonds. Therefore, the voting of power bonds does not increase taxes one cent. On the contrary, the voting of the bonds assures further development and the creation of additional wealth, and thus actually serves to reduce taxes by spreading the tax burden over a greater volume of taxable wealth in the community."

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - TIMES - October 9, 1930

BOND ISSUE 'YES' URGED BY EXPERT

Whitsett, Metropolitan Water District Head, Says Taxes Will Not Rise

Drawing attention to the fact that the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, following a careful investigation, has whole-heartedly indorsed the $13,300,000 power-bond issue on the November 4 election ballot, W. P. Whitsett, financial leader and chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, yesterday urged approval of the power-bond issue.

As the founder of the town of Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley and as a former member of the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners, from which office he resigned several months ago to devote all of his time to the affairs of the Metropolitan Water District, Mr. Whitsett is generally recognized as one of the foremost authorities on the city's water and power requirements.

"Most of us have long since come to realize that every dollar invested in Los Angeles homes and business rests absolutely upon a foundation of water," said Mr. Whitsett.

"We are also coming to the realization that the maintenance of an adequate and reliable supply of low-priced electricity is of very great importance to Los Angeles.

"Our city-owned Bureau of Power and Light has demonstrated its efficiency and its ability to give excellent service at extremely low rates. The power bureau is a business success. It is returning a handsome surplus to the city each year, despite its low rates.

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W. P. WHITSETT

Santa Barbara, California - TIMES - October 13, 1930

Best Metropolitan Aqueduct Route Selection To Be Made

A sketch of the Colorado River country to be traversed by the Aqueduct that will serve the cities in the Metropolitan Water District. Four possible routes shown are those selected for further study by the engineerng board headed by Thaddeus Merriman, chief engineer of New York City water system.

Under the direction of Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth, the engineering staff of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California rapidly is completing its studies of all possible routes for the Metropolitan Aqueduct from the Colorado River and practically is prepared for the final selection of the route to be used, it is indicated at District headquarters.

Special attention has been given by the Metropolitan Water District engineers to the accumulation of detailed survey and geological data relative to four possible routes selected for intensive study last January by an engineering board of review, it is pointed out by Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the District board of directors. This engineering board of review is headed by Thaddeus Merriman, chief engineer of the New York City water system, and includes also A. J. Wiley of Boise, Idaho, and a consulting engineer for the United States Government on the Hoover Dam project; Richard R. Lyman, consulting engineer of Salt Lake City, Utah.

In addition to the four general routes selected by the Merriman board of review, Chief Engineer Weymouth has carried forward extensive investigations of every suggested plan of bringing Colorado River water by gravity to the cities of Southern California.

Survey data on more than sixty possible aqueduct routes as placed before the Merriman engineering board by Chief Engineer Weymouth when that board came to Southern California last winter to start work. It is expected that this board will reassemble in Southern California in November or December to complete its studies and make its final recommendation.

More than 60,000 square miles of mountain and desert country have been surveyed by Chief Engineer Weymouth and his staff of engineers in the course of their search for the best and most economical route for the gigantic aqueduct.

The problem, Mr. Weymouth states, is to find the route which is the most practicable from an engineering standpoint and the most economical to build and operate. The initial cost of the water line and the cost of operating the aqueduct must both be figured in counting the cost, Weymouth points out.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California - EXAMINER - October 22, 1930

BOARD COMING NOV. 20 TO PICK AQUEDUCT ROUTE

2-YEAR STUDY OF COLORADO PLAN READY

Weymouth Expected to Submit Survey Report Before Experts Begin Deliberations

Charged with the task of selecting the aqueduct route that will bring waters of the Colorado River to the Metropolitan Water District, the three members of the board of review will arrive in Los Angeles about November 20, Chairman W. P. Whitsett announced yesterday.

Thaddeus Merriman, chief engineer of the New York City water system, is chairman of the board, and other members are A. J. Wiley, consulting engineer of Boise, Idaho, and Richard R. Lyman, consulting engineer of Salt Lake City.

O. K.'s Vote on Entry

Chairman Whitsett's announcement was made following action of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District authorizing the City of Torrance to vote upon the question of entering the district. Torrance will decide this at the election on November 4, as will Fullerton and Ontario.

Before the board of review arrives, Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth expects to place before the directors a report covering the two-year survey and study of the aqueduct project.

This report will include detailed items as to engineering findings relative to numerous proposed routes, both gravity and pump.

Speed Early Work

Recent refusal of the Federal Government to permit Arizona's suit against Boulder Dam to interrupt construction there, has caused the Metropolitan District to redouble its efforts to complete preliminary work, Chairman Whitsett said.

Engineer Weymouth is prepared to keep his staff in the field all winter, taking advantage of the climatic conditions in the desert country between the cities of the coastal plain and the Colorado River to complete the engineering studies preparatory to actual construction of the water line.

W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys, California - TRIBUNE - October 30, 1930

WORKING OUT THE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE WATER

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Mr. Whitsett Tells Of Progress And of the Program

Addressing the members of the water and power resources committee of the Los Angeles Chamber on Tuesday, W. P. Whitsett made a statement covering the past activities of the Metropolitan Water district and its program for the immediate future.

Mr. Whitsett said the necessity for an additional supply of water from a source outside of Southern California was emphasized by the drought of 1924. At that time the Colorado River Aqueduct association was organized with Hiram W. Wadsworth as chairman. It was through the Colorado River Aqueduct association that the Metropolitan Water District Act was introduced and passed by the State Legislature in 1927. After the Enabling Act was passed, the organization of the district was conducted by the city of Pasadena, and included eleven cities.

"The Metropolitan Water District was organized in 1928 and immediately took over the direction of the work. Frank E. Weymouth was induced to take the position of chief engineer. He is undoubtedly the most qualified man in the world for the task.

"With the approval of the board of directors, Mr. Weymouth has built up an engineering organization which could not be duplicated in the United States.

"The district obtained its first income from the tax levy of 1929-1930, and began spending its own money about a year ago. On the first of May of this year a complete separation was effected between the Department of Water and Power and the Metropolitan Water District.

"The district submitted to its board of review studies on 66 different routes from the Colorado river. After careful investigation, including many trips across the desert, they recommend that all but four lines be eliminated, and that special and revised studies be made upon those indicated. The engineering staff of the district has been engaged in this work since the first of the year and are now ready to submit a second report to the board of review, which will come to Southern California about the middle of next month.

"The Metropolitan Water district has maintained a policy of rigid economy. No employees have been put on the payroll that were not absolutely needed, nor who had not previously demonstrated their capacity to do the work assigned to them.

"At the present time the district is engaged in making its final surveys. The work on the aqueduct routes is practically complete.

"The district is also giving serious thought at this time to the working out of its financial program. For instance, it is proposed to make the bonds of the Metropolitan Water District legal investment for savings banks. It is also planned to make them legal security for active and inactive deposits of the state and other political units.

"Within the next month, Chief Engineer Weymouth will submit to the board of directors an extensive report setting forth the results of the five years of engineering work on this project. It is expected that in their report the board of review will recommend a route as being the cheapest and best possible.

"Following this report, the board of directors will make preparations for submitting the proposition to the people for their approval. It is believed that all the work will be ready, and that the time will be most auspicious during the coming spring. When the bonds are voted the district will expand its organization and begin the work, which should be under way about a year from now.

"The present situation in Southern California is emphasizing the necessity of the Metropolitan water district advancing its program with all possible speed.

"Never has the water situation been so critical as at the present time.

"The district has become a clearing house for information relative to water conditions in Southern California. Reports from city after city are to the effect that their wells have dropped two or three times more this year than ever in the past. Ontario is now pumping its water from 350 feet below the surface. Fullerton is very much concerned because its water tables are rapidly approaching sea level, being only about 20 feet above at the present time. At Gardena, to the west, water is already at sea level at a point 15 or more miles from the coast.

"The greatest fear is not so much the lowering of the water tables as that when a certain low point is reached, salt water will start moving further inland from the ocean.

"Already in Long Beach salt water has penetrated the area south of the Dominguez Hills, and is working inland at various points. At El Segundo salt water has reached inland a mile or more, and as you probably know, the Standard Oil Company is applying to the city of Los Angeles for the privilege of reclaiming 6,000,000 gallons a day of sewage water from the Hyperion outfall sewer to be used in its big plant.

"With these conditions existing at the present time, and the prospect that water will not be available from the Colorado River for seven or eight years, the great question is, will we be able to get the water here in time to prevent Southern California from coming to a standstill and possibly losing millions of dollars in earnings and many millions more in values.

"There is a brighter side to the picture, however. In fact as far as prospects of economic advancement are concerned, Southern California is in a most enviable position. The United States government will, in the next six or seven years, spend upward of $165,000,000 on the Colorado river project, much of which will find its way into this region. In addition, there will be the circulation among our people, of the money expended on the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct, yielding similar economic benefits.

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"However, the real economic returns to the people of Southern California from the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct, will be the security provided for our present investments and financial structure. Without an additional supply of outside water, Southern California is in a very dangerous situation. Colorado river water will do more than stabilize present values, it will make possible industrial expansion and the growth of business and manufacturing along every line."

WHITSETT

Los Angeles, California. - RECORD - November 29, 1930

STRESS THRIFT IN USING WATER

Mrs. B. R. Holloway, chairman of community service, will present W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water district of Southern California, and W. S. Rosecrans, president of Los Angeles County Conservation association, at the next conference of the division of community service Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10 a. m., in district federation headquarters. Both speakers will stress the necessity of preserving and developing the water supply of Southern California.

WHITSETT, W. P.

Hollywood, California - NEWS - December 1, 1930

Whitsett Will Speak At Club Conference

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Mrs. B. R. Holloway, chairman of community service, will present W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water district of Southern California, and W. S. Rosecrans, president of Los Angeles County Conservation association, at the next conference of the division of community service Thursday morning, at 10 oclock, in district federation headquarters. Both speakers will stress the necessity of preserving and developing the water supply of Southern California.

WHITSETT, W. P.

Pasadena, California - STAR-NEWS - December 4, 1930

AIR TALKS TO TELL OF WATER SYSTEM

W. P. Whitsett Slated to Speak on Friday

Authoritative last minute information on the steps now being taken by the Metropolitan Water District preparatory to construction in Southern California of the greatest water supply system in the history of the world, will be given the radio world in a series of short talks each Friday at 7:30 p. m. over Station KNX. The first of these is scheduled tomorrow.

Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the Metropolitan Water District board of directors will deliver the talks. It is understood, during the forthcoming series, he will bring before the microphone from time to time other outstanding figures in this task of building the world's largest aqueduct for cities in the Metropolitan Water District.

"Fifteen Minutes With the Metropolitan Water District" is the title of the series.

This week Mr. Whitsett is scheduled to sketch the progress made thus far in preparing to launch the aqueduct project and to draw attention to some major problems confronting the builders of this water system.

WHITSETT, W. P.

Los Angeles, California - EXAMINER - December 5, 1930

KNX—W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District Board, tells how eleven Southern California cities have united to create "the greatest domestic water supply system in the history of the world." (15 minutes.) Ex Dec 5

WHITSETT, W. P.

Hollywood, California - N E W S - December 5, 1930

RADIO TALKER

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors, Metropolitan water district, will be heard Friday evenings over KNX at 7:30 o'clock. He will discuss progress of the aqueduct project.

P U B L I C I T Y - W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys, California - NEWS - December 5, 1930

Mrs. Holloway Presents W. P. Whitsett, Speaker—

The monthly conference of the Community Service department of Los Angeles district, Federated Women's clubs was held at headquarters on South Hobart street yesterday with Mrs. Bert Richard Holloway of Van Nuys, district chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Holloway introduced to the club women as main speaker of the day, W. P. Whitsett of Van Nuys, president of the Metropolitan Water board. The talk, which was one of the most instructive and interesting of the year, covered the subject, "What the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct Means to Southern California." There were thirty chairmen present, each representing a club in this district.

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Van Nuys Official Outlines Huge Task to Provide for Future Needs of Great Southland Population

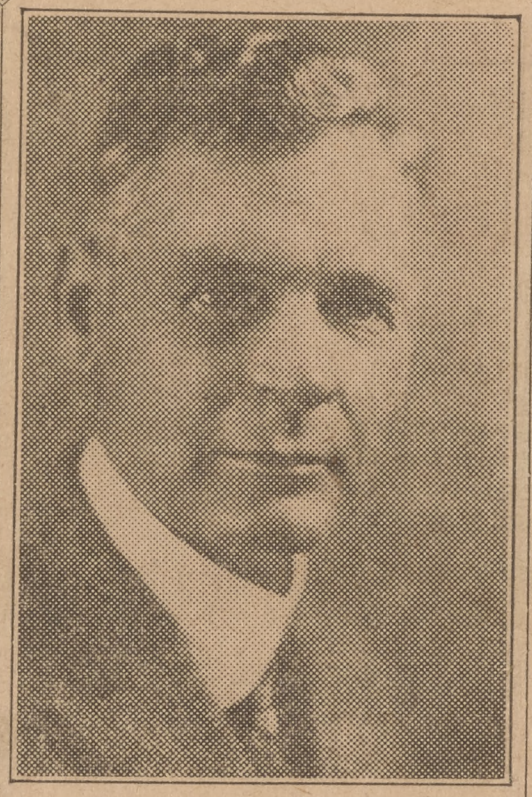
The plans and purposes of the Metropolitan Water District were graphically explained last Friday night by W. P. Whitsett of Van Nuys, chairman of the board of directors, in an address broadcast over radio station KNX at 7:30 o'clock. His first of a series of weekly messages was as follows:

"Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

"When I was informed recently that through the courtesy of Radio Station KNX a series of weekly messages on the Metropolitan Water District was to be broadcast—and was requested to assist in these broadcasts—I responded immediately and gladly. I did so because I believe that the citizens of Southern California are entitled to know the facts—all of the facts—relating to this great task of bringing into this area a good and reliable supply of Colorado River water.

"Some two years ago, as you know, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was established. The district is, in fact, a group of eleven cities that have joined hands as a Water District, in order to solve a serious water problem confronting each and every one—a water problem, incidently, that also confronts practically every city in Southern California—a water problem that will be solved by our Metropolitan Water District.

"I think you would be interested in knowing just what cities are included in this Water District. Listen sharply, because if you are a resident of any one of these eleven cities you have a direct personal and financial interest in the District. Here they are:



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"In San Bernardino county there are two member cities—they are Colton and San Bernardino. In Orange county are the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana. In Los Angeles county the following cities belong to the district: Burbank, Beverly Hills, Glendale, Pasadena, San Marino, Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

Four other cities have made application to the Board of Directors of the district for permission to submit their voters the proposition of joining the district. These cities are Fullerton, Ontario, Long Beach and Torrence. Whether or not these cities join the district is up to them to decide for themselves. There is going to be just so much water brought in by the Metropolitan Aqueduct. The municipalties belonging to the district are insuring their future by obtaining a permanent water supply on which to grow and expand.

"The Metropolitan Water District was organized in December of 1928 because a number of Southern California cities had come to the realization that they were approaching rapidly a most disasterous water shortage unless steps were taken to bring in large additional water supplies.

"For years careful engineering studies had been under way to determine from what source this urgently needed water supply could be secured. All manner of propositions for developing water here, there and the other place were investigated and thoroughly studied. But only one reliable and sufficient water source was discovered. That source was the Colorado River. The Colorado River was the one and only logical and workable water source for three very simple but important reasons:

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"Thus, it is very clear that the Metropolitan Water District needs Hoover Dam. It will make possible our aqueduct from the Colorado River. But we must always keep in mind that the Hoover Dam and the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct are two separate projects.

"A minute ago I said that the Federal Government actually has started work on the Hoover Dam project. This work was started last September. Then it was that Secretary Wilbur drove the silver spike and set under construction the railroad line that will carry the millions of tons of machinery and materials used in building the dam itself. Construction of the work camp is under way—getting ready to house and care for the several thousand workers who will be employed on this great job.

"The Government is on the job at Hoover Dam—and things are moving—and moving rapidly over there on the Colorado River.

"All of this action by the Government comes from the fact that Washington has recognized our pressing need for flood control in Imperial Valley and other Valeys along the Colorado—and the imperative necessity of the Metropolitan Water District for Colorado River water.

"And what are we doing to bring this water in from the Colorado River? Well, we have been on the job out here preparing actually to set under way the great aqueduct project by which we will bring Colorado River water to our homes and gardens.

"Our first job has been to find the safest, the best and the most economical route for such an aqueduct.

"Therefore, we have been busy for more than six years—not six months—but six years—mind you—in collecting accurate and detailed engineering and geological data on every conceivable phase of this aqueduct route question. This work originally was launched by the Los Angeles Water Bureau. Since the Metropolitan Water district was organized two years ago—this task has been carried forward under the direction of Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth. The same Weymouth who was chief engineer of the United

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First Study on Production Expense Completed by Farm Bureau

November 30th closed the first twelve-month period of the rabbit cost of production study being carried on in Los Angeles county. This is the first study in rabbit cost accounting to be conducted in the United States according to L. D. Sanborn, assistant farm advisor for Los Angeles county. The records are to be summarized and a progress report will be available some time after the first of the year.

About twenty-five rabbit producers in Los Angeles county have been keeping accurate records on their rabbitries during the past year. These reports have been mailed monthly to the Farm Advisor's office where the information was tabulated.

Since the rabbit producers are asking for a tariff on rabbits and rabbit products, and are also asking for more money to carry on the work at the United States Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana, the information gained from the cost of production study will be of great help in obtaining tariff

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Now Mr. Weymouth only recently has filed with the Metropolitan Water District his report and recommendations on the Colorado River Aqueduct route. It is a most exhaustive report, contained in four volumes.

"And only the other day we took the second big step in our task of selecting the best possible route for this aqueduct. We referred the entire Weymouth report to a Board of Consulting Engineers headed by Thaddeus Merriman, chief engineer of the New York City Water System, the largest water supply system in America. Merriman is now building for the city of New York a gigantic aqueduct, which includes a tunnel 500 feet down under the skyscrapers of Manhatten Island. This tunnel is almost the same size as the one the Metropolitan Water District is going to build. Other members of this Board of Review are A. J. Wiley of Boise, Idaho, and Richard R. Lyman of Salt Lake City, both consulting engineers with international reputations.

"Now, it is up to these three great engineers to pass upon the entire Colorado River Aqueduct project—they have been retained to make an independent study of the problem—and to render an independent report and recommendation.

"I want to tell you some interesting and important facts about this aqueduct route problem that is facing our Metropolitan Water district. Facts that affect the pocketbook, the property values and the jobs of every resident of Southern California.

"Next Friday evening at this same time, I hope to give you some of these facts over this station.

Flimsy clothes

Lighted candles in the windows

And here are things no careful parent will do this Christmas:

Use a rickety ladder in decorating a tree.

Give dangerous toys to the children.

Leave the tree lighted when he goes out.

Keep the tree in the house after it has dried out.

Nearly 100,000 pilgrims are expected to visit Mecca this year.

"Before I leave you this evening, I desire once more to emphasize the fact that the Metropolitan Water district is organized and is functioning to serve the citizens and the taxpayers who reside in this district. If you are a resident of any one of the eleven cities now included in the Metropolitan Water District—then you have a direct and a personal interest in the affairs of this district.

The one big job confronting the district is the construction of an aqueduct that will bring an abundant supply of good Colorado River water to the cities and the people in the district. This aqueduct project is your project. This problem, in every particular, is your problem.

"You are entitled to know the facts relating to the most vital problem now facing the Southland. Your Metropolitan Water District is organized to give you these facts. The headquarters of the district are situated in Los Angeles. The street address is 222 South Hill street.

"At this address you will find a huge relief map presenting grapically the aqueduct project in its every detail. Come up and examine this relief map. Send in your questions—if you have any—relative to this gigantic undertaking. I can assure you that the officers of the district and its engineers will make every effort to answer these questions and give you the facts."

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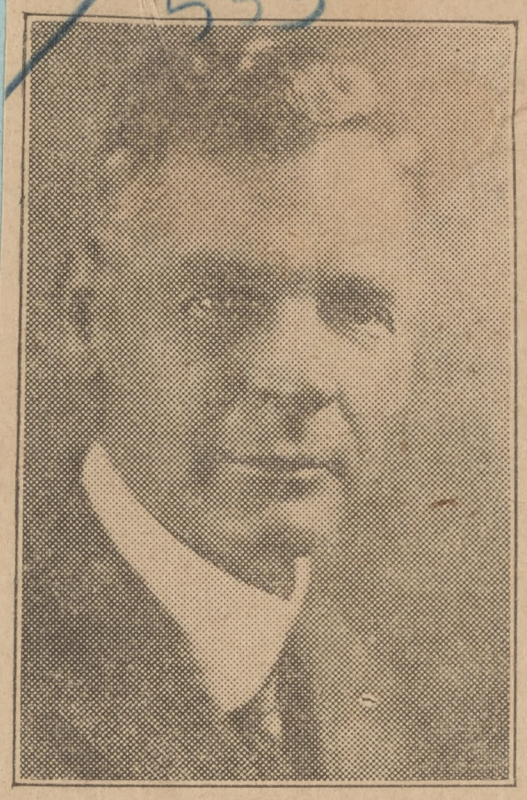

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who was the developer of Van Nuys townsite, buying a half interest in the property from the Suburban Homes company and being in charge of the development and sales of Van Nuys. Mr. Whitsett's remarkable success here followed equally successful development projects in California. A man of great vision and constructive achievement, Mr. Whitsett is among Southern California's leaders. He served with great credit as commissioner of water and power for Los Angeles and some time ago was chosen president of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Among local achievements was the organizing of the Bank of Van Nuys and the Provident Building-Loan association, of which he is president.

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Banning, California - HERALD - February 23, 1931

CONSTRUCTION OF AQUEDUCT BASED ON NECESSITY

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To ambitious communities that are desirous of obtaining payrolls from the Los Angeles aqueduct let it be known:

1. That the aqueduct will not be built upon political patronage, but upon economics.

2. That no amount of political pressure will sway Chairman Whitsett and the Metropolitan water board from their avowed purpose of carrying on the construction of the work on a thoroughly business-like basis.

3. If the engineers say a construction camp should be located at Banning, there the camp will be. If camps should by necessity be required at Indio, Cabazon, San Jacinto or any other place there the camps will be. But, if so located the camps will not come through glad-handing or back-slapping, but from sound engineering judgment.

The aqueduct plans are yet in embryo form. It is an egg just laid, with chicken soup far in the offing.

The recent trip of the water board members over the route, with their engineers, gave an insight into the possibilities and the difficulties of the job ahead of them. True, the motor caravan could not reach some points which will later become beehives of industry, owing to lack of roads whereby to reach these sections. But, in a general way, a very good idea of the job was obtained.

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the district, said after his return from the trans-desert trip:

"This will be less difficult than the Los Angeles aqueduct was as a construction job because topographical and geological conditions will be more easily overcome on a pumping route than they were on the gravity route of the Los Angeles aqueduct. Our engineers have been able to shift the route to escape serious obstacles in a manner that was impossible on the route that had to be followed from Owens Valley.

Four facts stands out in any consideration of our problem:

"First, Southern California cities must have additional water.

"Second, there is no source but the Colorado River from which to get it.

"Third, the Parker route is the best course over which to bring it.

"Fourth, now is the time to do it."

The Metropolitan aqueduct will be 260 miles long. Approximately 120 miles will be tunnels, nearly circular and 17 feet in diameter. Driven mostly through granite not much fissured, the tunnel surface will be smoothly concreted.

Inverted Siphons

Connecting the short tunnels across narrow gullies and canyons, inverted siphons will be buried, safe from cloudburst torrents. They will be made of steel reinforced concrete from 12 to 15 inches thick and of the same diameter as the tunnels, 17 feet. There will be 18.74 miles of the concrete siphons. In certain places, subject to greater pressure, steel siphons will be used—but to a total length of only 3.61 miles.

There will be a little more than 45 miles of concrete conduit, buried beneath the surface, with strong curved top that will withstand the pressure of boulders and earth washed upon it by cloudbursts.

Open canal to the length of about 75 miles will be used in portions not subject to the cloudburst menace, all of the canals, of course, to be concrete-lined.

12 Miles of Canal

Until Parker dam is built, water will be pumped direct from the river in the gorge that affords the dam site. The first lift up a shoulder of the Whipple mountains will be 75 feet. A short tunnel, and then a lift of 542 feet up the mountain slope, followed by short tunnels, will carry the tube about 15 miles through the Whipple mountains.

For thirty-five miles open canal with a few short siphons will be constructed in a curving sweep south and west, past Rice and Freda station on the Santa Fe's Parker line.

South of Freda, across the valley north of the Granite mountains, there will be an inverted siphon about four miles long, and then twelve miles of open canal.

Along here, from Rice, the aqueduct will lie close to the boundary line between San Bernardino and Riverside counties. East of Rice it will be in the first named, and after that all of it until it reaches Los Angeles county will be in Riverside county.

The tunnel through Granite mountains, from northeast to southwest, will be 10.6 miles long, longest of the tunnels except the thirteen-mile one under San Gorgonio Pass.

More open canal, then a four-mile tunnel through the Coxcomb mountains. This range looms to the to the north of Desert Center on the Mecca-Blythe highway. Then open canal follows the contour to the eastern slope of Eagle mountains, lying north of Shaver's Summit and extending twenty miles east of the pass.

Three pump-lifts, with intervening canals and siphons and tunnels—the pump-lifts of 214, 283 and 487 feet—will take the line to the summit, from which it becomes a gravity aqueduct.

At the foot of the highest lift a reservoir will store water to permit of pump repairs. It will be the Hayfield reservoir, about four miles long and two wide—a little new desert lake that the wild fowl will like.

Tunnels and covered conduits will run forty miles westward, and then will come sixty miles of short tunnels with inverted siphons between. That will be the tube through the length of the Little San Bernardino mountains, running to the northwest. These mountains one sees to the northeast from Palm Springs.

Near the road to Morongo Valley, the direction of the aqueduct swings to the southwest, through conduits and tunnels, until the tube will enter the long tunnel south or southeast of the station of Cabazon on the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the east end of the San Gorgonio Pass.

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Riverside, California - ENTERPRISE - March 4, 1931

WATER DISTRICT MASS MEETING CALLED FOR MONDAY

WHITSETT MAY TALK AT FIRST PUBLIC PARLEY

Intensive Campaign in Support of City's Joining Metropolitan Area Outlined

Opening an intensive campaign in support of Riverside's joining the Metropolitan Water district, Mayor Joseph S. Long's committee on information will conduct a mass meeting in the municipal auditorium next Monday night, at which two or three outstanding executives of the district's organization will speak.

Although the speakers for the meeting have not yet been secured, it is possible that Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the district's board of directors, will speak. An invitation to Mr. Whitsett to speak at Monday's meeting was forwarded by the committee, following a meeting at the city hall late yesterday. The program will probably be announced today or tomorrow.

Prominent Citizens Are Members of Committee

The committee, comprised of more than score of prominent citizens of Riverside who advocate the city's entry into the district to assure the municipality of a plentiful domestic water supply, will conduct a series of meetings at the auditorium before the date of the election, March 31. It is proposed to bring executives of the district, attorneys, water experts and prominent Southern Californians who are active in the program to construct the gigantic aqueduct by which water will be transported from the Colorado river into the Southland.

The meetings will be of an educational character, the programs arranged to inform residents of Riverside of the provision of the act by which the Metropolitan district was organized, the division of the water, the cost to the individual municipalities comprising the district, the water situation in Southern California and in the Riverside district. The committee will particularly direct the campaign to answer attacks on the proposal and objections to the city's joining the district, many of which are based on misinformation as to the facts, it was announced.

Committee Plans To Hold Frequent Meetings

The committee, of which Oscar Ford, former Riverside mayor, is chairman, will meet frequently during the campaign and will direct a series of meetings at service clubs, schools and women's organizations. J. R. Westbrook, prominent Riverside merchant, was yesterday named chairman of the women's committee, on which will be appointed a number of club women and women interested in civic affairs.

T. F. Flaherty was named a member of the local water situation committee. The committees named by Mr. Ford, Mayor Long, W. G. Fraser and W. T. Dinsmore on Monday were approved.

List of Committees In Charge of Work

The committees are:

Public meeting committee — To arrange weekly meetings in the Memorial auditorium and in school auditoriums in various parts of the city: S. L. Mapes, chairman, and Councilman G. Lohrli.

Speakers committee—To arrange visits of Metropolitan Water district representatives, who will explain the Metropolitan district act, engineering facts about the district, financial data and the general water situation throughout Southern California; Riverside speakers, to discuss Riverside's relation to the district and how the city will handle the financial obligation connected with entrance into the district; and speakers to address Riverside service clubs: Dr. E. P. Clarke, chairman; Dr. Horace Porter, Lawrence Holmes, Willard Babcock and J. R. Westbrook.

Publicity committee—To arrange publication of notices of meetings on the district, editorial comment and news articles; A. A. Piddington, chairman; Earl E. Buie and W. E. Stephens.

Local water situation committee —To make a study of the local water situation, including all data available about the district, and prepare information for presentation to the voters: Frank A. Tetley, chairman; J. F. Davidson, Dr. C. Van Zwalenburg, Arthur S. Holden, W. G. Fraser and T. F. Flaherty.

W. P. WHITSETT - FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INSTITUTE
OF HONORABLES

Los Angeles, California - HERALD - April 16, 1931

L. A. AWARDS BY NIGHTINGALE INSTITUTE

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More than 150 Los Angeles men and women have been awarded honorary fellowship and colleagueships for personal heroism or signal civic service, by the Academy of Regents of the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of the United States, according to announcement today by Col. Perry W. Weidner, president of the institute.

The awards have been made in commemoration of the one hundred and eleventh birthday of Miss Nightingale, which falls on May 12, next.

Similar awards were also made to persons living outside of California. A number of prominent persons in foreign lands also were honored.

Among the well known Angelenos to receive the certificate were: Will Rogers, for his humane activities; Mary Pickford, for unostentatious performance of humanitarian deeds; Elsie Janis, for efforts in brightening the lives of the soldiers in the World war; John McCormack, for singing for charitable purposes, and John B. Miller, for services as chairman of the Los Angeles Red Cross.

For deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice the award was made to Alvin Thomas, a Los Angeles truck driver, and Benjamin T. Haley, a Los Angeles traffic policeman. Thomas saved a child's life by overturning his truck and suffering injuries which necessitated several weeks' hospital treatment.

Haley saved the lives of several school children from a drunken automobile driver but received serious injuries which necessitated his being in the hosptal for several months.

Among prominent Angelenos honored were Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Samuel Goldwyn, J. A. H. Kerr, Mrs. Carrie Jacobs Bond, William Gibbs McAdoo, Buron Fitts, Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Conrad Nagel and Marco Hellman.

OTHERS HONORED

The list of other Los Angeles persons given the award is as follows:

Rev. Charles F. Aked, Alfred Allen, T. V. Allen, Mme. Elsa Alsen, Rev. A. G. P. Anderson, Ethel Percy Andrus, Arthur G. Arnoll, Arthur C. Ayers.

Helen Corliss Babson, Rev. E. Burdette Backus, Miss Margaret Baker, Edith M. Bates, Kenneth C. Beaton, Alfred L. Benshimol, Arthur S. Bent, H. Stanley Bent, Dr. Clinton H. Billig, Rev. Bruce V. Black, William L. Brent, Frank H. Brooks, Arthur C. Brown, Mrs. Arnold Burkelman, Major Frederick R. Burnham.

Mason Case, Don R. Cameron, Howard A. Campion, A. L. Cavanagh, M. W. Chandler, Mrs. Alice V. Cheap, L. J. Christopher, William Hamilton Cline, William I. Converse, Sim W. Crabill, Dr. Edgerton Crispin, George E. Cryer, Dr. R. L. Cunningham.

J. A. Davis, Cav. A. Mellini Ponce de Leon, Maurice de Mond, Charles A. Dickinson, Henri Didot, Rev. J. George Dorn, William D. Duncan, Willis A. Dunn, Henry Otto Dyck, Mrs. Harris Watson Dyer.

George L. Eastman, Dr. Charles Lincoln Edwards, Thomas H. Elson.

David R. Faries, Bruce A. Findlay, C. F. Fitzgerald, Thomas B. Flanagan, Louis Frank Foley, Charles J. Fox, Roscoe L. Frasher, Mrs. Cora B. Freeman, Georges Fuseiot.

Norman E. Galentine, Federico Giorgi, Sydney V. Good, Mrs. Susan Goss, Arthur Gould, Frank X. Goulet, Mrs. L. A. Grant, Clementina de Forest Griffin, Homer O. Griffith, Mrs. Gene Homer Griffith, Harry E. Gross.

Rev. Fred E. Hagin, Irvin Hague, Thomas E. Hansen, Rose H. Hardenberg, Harry L. Harper, Rev. Elmer E. Helms, Raphael Hermann, Judge William Rhodes Hervey, Rev. W. H. Hopkins, Thomas E. Hughes, James H. Hutt.

Rosco C. Ingalls, Tom Ingersoll, John P. Inglis, Rabbi Isadore Isaacson.

John C. Janes, Dr. Gustave B. Johnson, Miss Clara Jones.

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Miss Rosanna Stockley, R. N.; Miss Grace S. Stoermer, Miss Nellie Strain, Mrs. Alice Ball Struthers, Rev. Joseph A. Sullivan.

Alvin Thomas, Robert A. Thompson, Dr. Arthur J. Tieje, W. I. Travis, Floyd J. Trenery, Dr. J. H. Turner.

R. G. Van Cleve, Mrs. Maude Van Denburgh, Walter M. Van Dyke, Elizabeth Van Patten.

Ralph D. Wadsworth, Robert Wankowski, James M. Warnack, Homer K. Watson, F. C. Weber, Mrs. C. L. Whipple, William E. White, J. H. Whitely, W. P. Whitsett, Mrs. Delia L. Wilson, Mrs. C. Modini Wood and Herbert S. Wood.

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New Tribute To Red Cross Founder

On May 12, next, a new tribute to the memory of Florence Nightingale, founder of the Red Cross Society, will be paid when wreaths will be laid in London, Paris and Florence. Here we see Miss Clara Jones, R. N., Los Angeles nurse, attending the dedication in England, with the Rev. J. Corban, rector of Ramsey Abbey, standing by the tomb of Miss Nightingale.

W. P. WHITSETT

Long Beach "Sun" Sept . 17, 1931

Official Tells 'Consequences' If Aqueduct Project Fails

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan water district, told Rotarians yesterday at Hotel Virginia that adjudication of all water rights in the coastal plain will be necessary unless the Colorado river aqueduct project carries at the polls on Sept. 29.

"Without water desert country property is without value," said Mr. Whitsett. "If you don't get water now you will tear down the entire financial structure of the Pacific Southwest, which is based on water.

'Would Stifle Business'

"Adjudication of the water rights in the coastal plain would mean that every industry coming into this section would have to acquire 720 acres in order to get 50 miner's inches of water. This would tie up industry. Business would be stifled. Eastern capital would no longer flow into Southern California."

Mr. Whitsett told the Rotarians that there is no certainty that the Southland will have heavy rainy seasons for a considerable period. He stated that history indicates that the warmer the ocean water here in the summer, the less rain and snowfall there is the following winter.

Tells Shortage

Mr. Whitsett said there are now about 55 second feet of water in the Owens valley and less than half of that in the Mono valley. At the peak this part of the Southland uses 700 second feet. Los Angeles faces adjudication on the Owens river water sources which may take years to settle, he stated.

Vice President William P. Nestle presided. Irwin M. Stevens was program chairman. City Attorney Nowland M. Reid introduced Mr Whitsett. Nestle sent a greeting over the microphone to William H Hosking, former secretary of the club, now in a Pasadena hospital recovering from a major operation

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" Oct. 20, 1931

RELIEF WORK TO BE UNIFIED

John C. Austin Undertakes Task for Southland

Efforts for Unemployed Will Be Co-ordinated

Well-Rounded Program to Be Worked Out at Once

Co-ordination of unemployment relief in Southern California so that the relief efforts will not overlap, and that they will achieve the utmost in efficiency is to be undertaken in the ten southern counties under direction of John C. Austin, local architect and formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce.

JOHN C. AUSTIN.

Mr. Austin was appointed to the position by Walter S. Gifford, national head in Washington of the President's organization of unemployment relief. He accepted and yesterday called the first meeting to carry out his duties as chairman of the Southern California division of the organization.

"We will work out first a program for Los Angeles county," Chairman Austin said, "and then we will submit it for adaptation to each of the other counties for their suggestions or for whatever benefit it may be to the situation peculiar to each community.

"We seek a well-rounded method of handling unemployment relief. We wish to eliminate overlapping. We wish to have each agency know what the other is doing—all this to the end that we may get the greatest possible amount of good out of what we do."

Mr. Austin conferred yesterday with Chairman Addison Day of the local Community Chest drive, Mayor Porter for the city, Supervisor Shaw for the county and many representatives of unemployment relief activities. He said a definite policy will be outlined, committees appointed to look after details and other steps taken for consideration at future meetings.

W. P. Whitsett

Compton "News-Tribune" October 23, 1931

EXPOSE GREAT SCHEME TO GET AQUEDUCT FUND

Land Racket Denounced by Chairman Whitsett of Metropolitan District

Vigorously condemning land speculators who seek to profit from construction of the $220,000,000 Colorado River aqueduct, Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the Metropolitan Water district board of directors early this week exposed the attempts to organize a ring to "mulct the taxpayers for the sake of private and unearned profits."

In a ringing statement, Whitsett revealed a scheme to gain control of land that will be used for aqueduct right-of-way so that the district and its taxpayers may be charged an exorbitant price for it.

Persons found guilty of such plans, the chairman declared, will be mercilessly exposed to the public view.

"It has always been contemplated, of course, that the district, as soon as funds were made available, would be ready and willing to purchase the land needed from established owners at a price fair and reasonable to both the owners and the taxpayers of the district," Whitsett said.

Ring Organized

"Now it develops that a ring of land speculators is being organized in Southern California with the express intention of securing control of this land and then reselling it to the district at prices that would return exorbitant profits to the speculators.

"Our people have demonstrated their courage and their faith in the honor of this district organization by voting the huge sum of $220,000,000 to finance the aqueduct project. They have taken this step in the face of an economic depression, in the face of unemployment, in the face of high taxes and large public debts. Our people have taken this courageous step because they had the clear vision to recognize its imperative necessity.

"Now are these taxpayers, are these unemployed citizens, are these hard pressed property owners to be raided and preyed upon by a group of land sharks and speculators?

"There is no land speculator under the sun who has the moral right to reap a profit from the speculation on land desperately needed by our people as part of their water supply system.

"Any person attempting to secure control of land for the purpose of holding up the Metropolitan Water district and the taxpayers in that district should have his name published to the world so that his shameful operations might be known to every man.

"As a responsible officer of the district, I here and now give notice that I shall use every means at my command to hold up to public view the names of any persons seeking thus to profit at the expense of our people.

'Call to Arms'

"This is a call to arms for the citizens of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Let him who dares, seek to prey upon our people with land speculation schemes, but that person should beware because I serve notice here and now that every nefarious scheme shall be held up for full public view.

"The people who voted these aqueduct bonds are entitled to a square deal, and I am sure that every member of the board of directors and every responsible officer of the board will join with me when I pledge to the people of Southern California the unceasing efforts of the Metropolitan Water district to assure our people that they shall receive a square deal—a dollar's worth of value for every dollar invested in the Metropolitan aqueduct."

W. P. WHITSETT

San Bernardino "Sun" December 27, 1931

HEADQUARTERS SITE SATISFIES HEAD OF BOARD

Whitsett, Metropolitan District Chief, Visits Banning, Wants Public Work Speeded

(Special Staff Correspondence)

BANNING, Dec. 26.—W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan water district board, recently visited Banning to look over the land which has been bought for aqueduct field headquarters. He appeared entirely satisfied with the selection of the site and is reported to have asked that the state and city authorities be urged to speed up public work in connection with roads and transportation.

There is a vast amount of preliminary work to be done before actual construction on the aqueduct begins, and Mr. Whitsett would make no statement as to when work here would begin or how many men might be stationed here during the construction period.

Banning has assured the Metropolitan water district of every assistance and courtesy through the chamber of commerce and the city officials represented by Mayor D. H. Gates. Mr. Whitsett expressed gratification that Banning is to benefit from the construction of the huge work of constructing the aqueduct.

Reports of Year's Work Are Heard

The Banning Kiwanis club held their weekly meeting Wednesday this week instead of on Friday. The program was made up of reports of committee chairmen in a stock-taking form.

Reporting were Lee D. Childers, attendance; M. F. Gilman, agriculture; C. D. Hauverman, boys' activities; Robert N. Berlin, business ethics; Ed Andrew, finance; Dr. C. E. Atkinson, goodwill and grievance; Guy Woodworth, house and reception; J. M. Westerfield, inter-club relations; Carl Barkow, Kiwanis education; Frank L. Miller, laws and regulations; Chester Hendricks, membership; R. A. Coverdale, program; Harvey Johnson, publicity; D. A. Innes, public affairs; Thomas Richards, Dr. Bramkamp, vocational guidance and placement.

Phillips Installs New Club Chiefs

John P. Phillips, "silver-tongued orator" of Banning Kiwanis, was chairman of the day, and he installed the new officers, paying tribute to Theo. Backus, retiring president, for his work in continuing the high standard of work accomplished by Kiwanis in the past in Banning. D. H. Gates was then presented with the president's gavel and button and took over the leadership of the club.

Other officers are Chester Hendricks, vice-president; Theodore Backus, district trustee; William J. Westerfield, treasurer; Howard Vanderwerf, Omar Barker and the Rev. Harry Lee, new directors. Remaining directors are Dr. A. L. Bramkamp, Harvey Johnson, Dr. C. E. Atkinson, Ralph E. Gray and Guy Woodworth. Next week's meeting will also be held on Wednesday.

W. P. WHITSETT

Glendale "News-Press" January 30, 1932

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Glendale "News-Press" January 30, 1932

COLORADO PROJECT GREAT FORCE FOR FUTURE

By W. P. Whitsett, Chairman, Board Of Directors Of Metropolitan Water District

The faith of the city of Glendale in its future and that of its sister cities of the Metropolitan Water district was demonstrated last September by an overwhelming vote in favor of a $220,000,000 bond issue for construction of an aqueduct from the Colorado river. Employing thousands of men and sending millions of dollars through Southern California's business channels, the aqueduct project will be a tremendous force in carrying us out of the difficulties which now confront us. The district is ready and anxious to start work. It is hoped that legal obstructions now being thrown across our path by a few persons will soon be cleared away so that we can begin this great job that means so much to Southern California and its future advancement.

W. P. WHITSETT

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San Diego "Union" March 20, 1932.

CHICAGO BANKER SEES FINISH OF HOARDING PERIOD

Passenger Aboard California Says Conditions Improving; Others Are Optimistic.

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Sound Notes of Optimism

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doesn't that conjure pictures of quaint and picturesque Easter Bonnets of old?

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W. P. WHITSETT

San Diego "Union" March 20, 1932.

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The American people generally have banished the fear that nas gripped them during the last year and are refraining from hoarding their money, in the expressed opinion of John F. Curtis, Chicago banker and broker, who arrived here yesterday on the Panama Pacific electric liner California from New York, Havana and way ports.

Curtis was not the only one on board the giant intercoastal who sounded a note of optimism and expressed the belief that business conditions steadily are improving. R. S. Laird, vice president of tne Quaker Oats company, was outspoken in his belief that the 1932 business outlook for his company is better than his concern's business last year, and in 1931, he said, "our business was far better than it was the year before."

From Sam Goldwyn, president of United Artists, another prominent passenger on the California, came the expression that "the pessimist has seen his worst day." The film executive also voiced the belief that the motion picture industry is facing one of the most prosperous periods in its history.

46 FOR SAN DIEGO

The liner, with 46 passengers for San Diego, 103 for Los Angeles and 55 for San Francisco, carried a cargo of 5490 tons, included in which were 9360 stems of bananas, 230 autos and 24 sacks of mail. More than 104 passengers left the vessel at Havana and the Canal Zone. She berthed about 1 p. m. and sailed at 11 p. m. for San Pedro and San Francisco.

Returning from Washington where he conferred with Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, on Los Angeles' $222,000,000 water project, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water district, declared that "there is every possibility that the project will be underway this fall."

After describing the business outlook as "exceedingly bright," Whitsett said "we are now going through the stages of obtaining the legal validation of the Metropolitan Water district bonds, and are devising ways and means of starting construction of the aqueduct with the least possible delay."

Although he declined to discuss details of his conference with Dr. Wilbur, the board chairman said the secretary of the interior always "has been very enthusiastic over the necessity of this great undertaking."

Curtis, who said the "banking situation is in much better shape than many people have been led to believe," swung from his discussion of economic conditions to politics, and expressed the opinion that "eastern interests do not seem to desire Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York as the probable Democratic presidential nominee" and predicted that "during the national convention in Chicago Governor Ritchie of Maryland will be selected as the Democratic standard bearer."

BIG PROJECTS SCHEDULED

That there is more actual construction work going on in California and more big projects scheduled in this state than in any other, was Curtis's expressed opinion. "California," he concluded, is to be congratulated for being the first state to show a marked recovery."

Other prominent passengers included Harry W. Harrison, son of the late Charles C. Harrison, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania; Frank L. Sargent, president of the United Consumer company of Boston, and C. M. Adler, director of Sears Roebuck company of Chicago.

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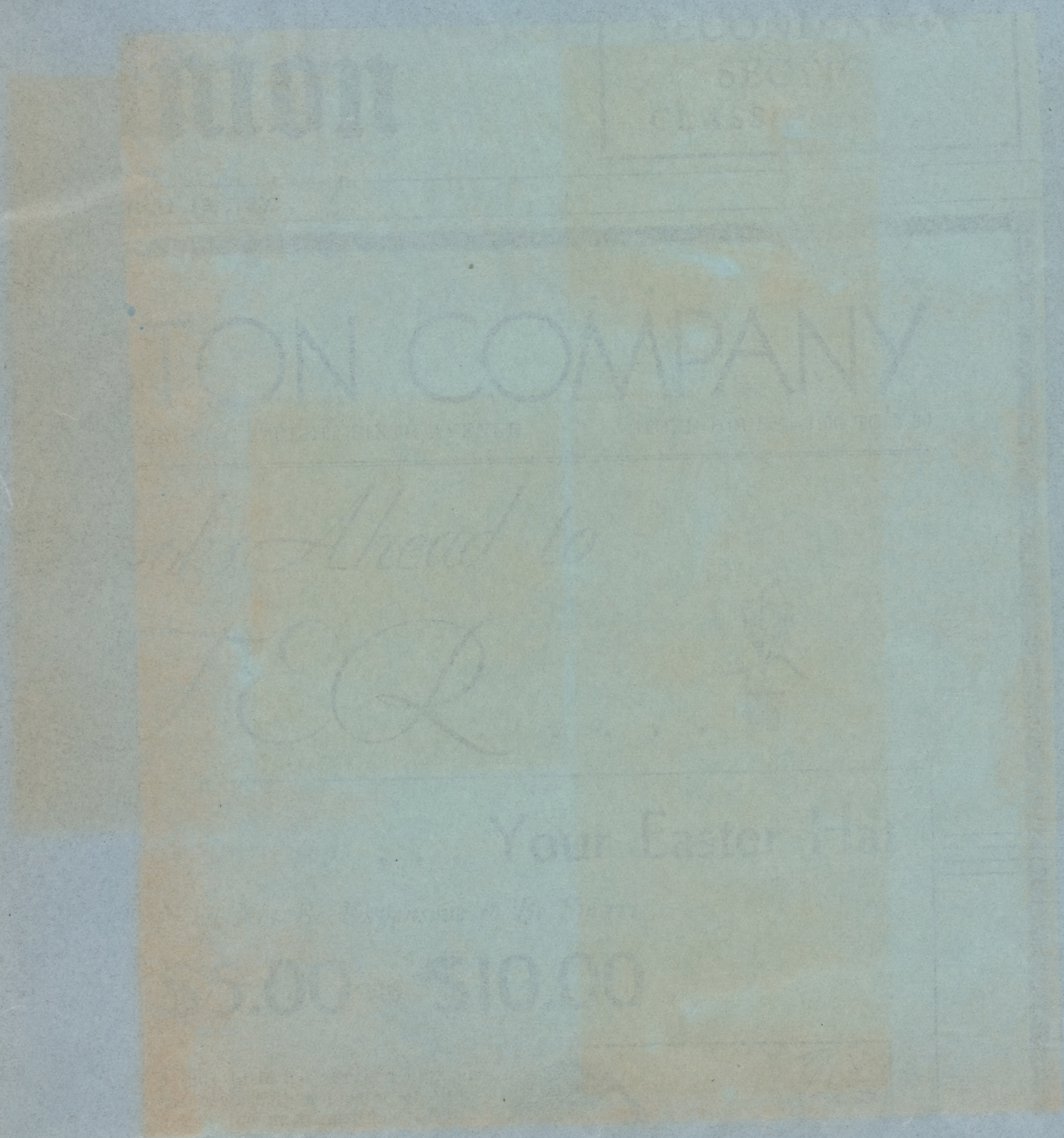
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W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" March 20, 1932.

FUTURE BRIGHT FOR AQUEDUCT

Whitsett Reports Problems Successfully Solved

Wilbur Assures Action on Right of Way

Financiers Give Promises on Bond Purchase

Completion of the $220,000,000 Southland-Colorado River aqueduct by 1938, affording an ample water supply for generations to come, is assured. So declared W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District board, who returned from New York yesterday aboard the Panama-Pacific liner California. While East he conferred with Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, who assured him of expedition of rights of ways for the 250-mile aqueduct across government domain, and with Wall-street leaders, who indicated ready receptiveness of the bond issues, he said.

BONDS POPULAR

"So popular are the aqueduct bonds proving that we could start work immediately, if necessary, and I am sure that we will have construction under way by early summer," said Mr. Whitsett. "We are so arranging our construction schedule that it will be synchronized with the availability of the impounded waters of the Colorado and the needs of Southern California's population."

Mr. Whitsett explained that the project will bring 1,000,000 acre feet of water to Southern California, supplying sufficient water for a population of 7,500,000. He estimates that 10,000 men will be employed on the project. Chief engineer of the enterprise is Frank E. Weymouth, former chief of the United States Reclamation Service.

AID DESERT SPOTS

Mr. Whitsett said that it will not be the policy of the district to sell water to towns or districts along the right of way, but that its high ambition is to supply sufficient water to desert beauty spots that these may be enjoyed by America's masses, rather than only by persons of considerable income as at present.

"I believe that sun bathing in Southern California is going to become more popular than ocean bathing," he said, "and it is my hope that by supplying sufficient water—which will be but a drop in the bucket as compared to our supply—these California desert scenic spots will become veritable Meccas for thousands throughout the year."

WHITSETT GROUP PLAN

Los Angeles "Times" May 23, 1932

BACK TO FARM TREND FORECAST

Economist Surveys Situation in Southern California

Business Conditions Will Bring Land Move

Southland Held Ideal for Small Rural Estates

Greater expansion in the development of small farm homes in Southern California because of national economic and population trends was predicted by Oliver E. Baker, senior economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, after a two-day survey of small property homes in Los Angeles county during the past week.

Dr. Baker, who is making a study of part-time farming in the United States, was able to see many small properties with Dr. George P. Clements, manager of the agricultural department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and his assistant, Ross H. Gast who is also manager of the Los Angeles Times-Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce small farm home contest.

RURAL HOMES NEEDED

The economist expressed himself as being impressed with Southern California small farms as homes and with the advantage which the mild climate here possesses with reference to all-year production. He pointed out, however, that this is counter-balanced to some extent by the cost of irrigation which is not involved in most eastern regions where part-time farming has developed. The small farm home here, he said, seems to be dictated by a pleasure work rather than by a necessity for additional income which is the motivating influence in many parts of the East.

Economic stress, trend of population and declining birth rate all dictate the necessity of a larger number of rural homes, Dr. Baker declared. "Population statistics indicate that there will be an increasingly large proportion of the population in the older age groups soon and the employment of old men will become an increasingly serious problem. The mild winters and cool summers along the coast of California provide an excellent physical environment for old age and if it proves possible for these old people to supplement their income from this saving by spending part of their time producing food for their consumption or for sale to neighbors, it will make a material contribution to the solution of this problem of unemployment for the people past middle life.

FARM CHILDREN SURPLUS

"At the other extreme there is a 50 per cent surplus of children in the farm population, measured from the standpoint of the maintenance of the stationary population, the smaller cities and villages in between these extremes. Clearly the rural environment exerts a notable influence on the size of the family and since immigration is cut off and may remain cut off for some time, it is clearly necessary, if the population of the large cities is to be prevented from declining, that the proportion of the population living under rural conditions must be increased. The national welfare seems to require a larger proportion of the population living under rural conditions, if the social and economic consequences which seem likely to result from the declining population are to be avoided."

After visiting several of the small farm homes that were entered in the Los Angeles Times-Chamber of Commerce small farm home contest, Dr. Baker declared that this plan for fostering rural living was an excellent one.

Other parts of the United States are showing an increasing interest in part-time farming, the Department of Agriculture economist declared. This is particularly true in industrial districts, notably in Southern New England, Central New York, Southern Michigan, the Piedmont of North Carolina, Northern Ohio, the coal fields of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, also in the vicinity of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

W. P. WHITSETT

Van Nuys "News" August 29, 1932.

NO PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Metropolitan Water Board Chairman Defines Position

For the purpose of clearing up any misunderstanding regarding his attitude during the present political campaigns, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, has addressed an open letter to the press, explaining why he has declined to participate in any election activities and has felt obliged to adopt the policy of not endorsing or signing petitions of any candidates.

On the other hand, Mr. Whitsett has expressed his sincere appreciation, both in the press and otherwise to a number of representatives now in office who have rendered valuable service to the Metropolitan Water District:

Mr. Whitsett's letter, addressed to the publisher of The News, follows:

"Because of my position as chairman of the board of directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, to which I am giving my time without compensation as a community service, I have felt it to be my duty to refrain from participating in election activities and have adopted the policy of not endorsing or signing petitions, even those of very close personal friends. In every case that has arisen, I have found that my attitude has been recognized and understood.

"In this connection, however, I want to express my appreciation publicly and otherwise for the many services that have been rendered to the Metropolitan Water District by many of our public representatives now in office.

With Sincere Regards,

W. P. WHITSETT."

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" September 28, 1932

GREAT RISE FORECAST IN POPULATION

Aqueduct Building Seen as Stimulation to Growth of Southern California

Predicting a movement of population and industry into Southern California greater than any migration of the past, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, told directors of the Downtown Association yesterday that the building of the Los Angeles Aqueduct forecast the return of prosperity to the Southland.

That this city had been losing industrial plants of great size because engineers for these companies refused to report the future water supply as sufficient to guarantee amortization of their investments and that many industrial institutions will now come here, was the statement of Mr. Whitsett.

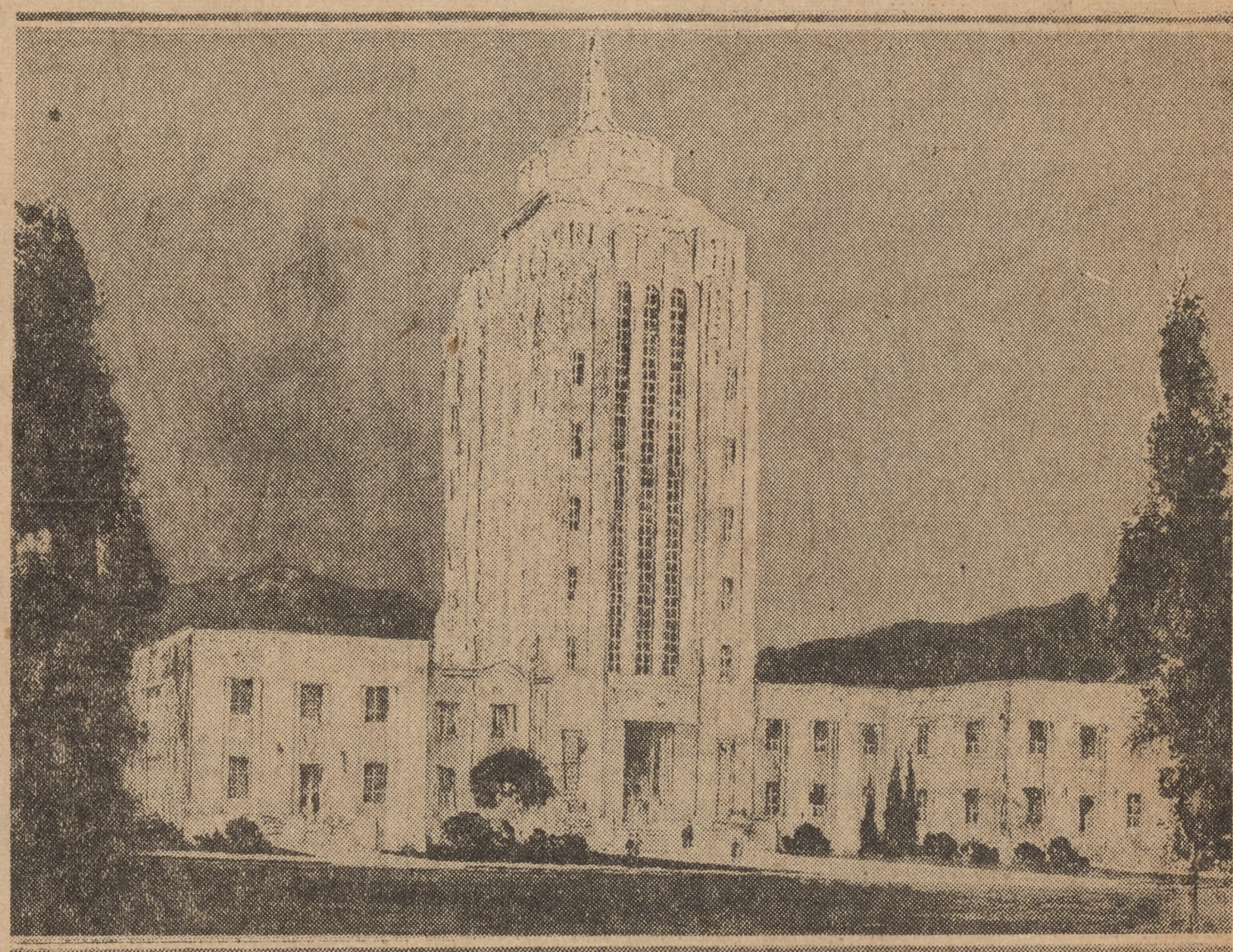
"Great migrations of population always follow crises, and no more favorable place in the United States can be found by the man who is starting over or beginning a new business than can be found in the attractions of Southern California. It is a marvelous opportunity to create the world's greatest white spot in business," said the speaker.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" October 2, 1932

VALLEY ALL SET FOR CITY HALL FETE

Van Nuys Area Will Join in Corner-stone Laying



Architect's Drawing of San Fernando Valley's New City Hall

VAN NUYS, Oct. 1.—Completion of plans for the largest public ceremony in the history of San Fernando Valley, that of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Van Nuys City Hall which is to serve all of the valley annex, has been announced here by Edgar A. Elkins, president of the Board of Public Works, who has been assisted by civic leaders and prominent business men in various parts of the valley.

The program will mark the first step in the construction of the $275,000 structure and will take place Thursday following a street parade starting on Van Nuys Boulevard at Vanowen street. Fred Weddington of North Hollywood will lead the march as grand marshal, flanked by Capt. C. A. Hodson, commander of the valley police division, as chief of staff, and Lincoln Hart of North Hollywood, as aide.

Next in line will be the police department band, police officers and firemen, community delegations, civic and service clubs and city and county officials.

Capt. J. P. Inglis, chairman of the day, will open the speaking program. He will be followed by W. P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys, and various city and county officials. Councilman Randall and Mayor Porter also will speak. San Fernando Valley newspapers and other articles of the present period will be sealed in the corner-stone.

It is expected that 10,000 visitors from the valley, Los Angeles and Hollywood will be here.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" October 6, 1932

CITY HALL FETE TODAY

San Fernando Valley Will Have Largest Fiesta at Van Nuys Corner-stone Event

VAN NUYS, Oct. 5.—Several thousand persons from all over San Fernando Valley are expected to be here tomorrow to participate in the formal laying of the corner-stone of the new Van Nuys City Hall, which when completed is to serve all of the valley annex area. When finished the structure will have cost nearly $400,000 and will be the outstanding building in the valley.

Various organizations from all over the valley will take part in the parade preceding the corner-stone ceremonies. The line of march will be headed by the Los Angeles Police Department Band, and Frank Weddington of North Hollywood as grand marshal.

OFFICIALS TO SPEAK

Introductory remarks will be made by J. P. Inglis, chairman of the day. He will be followed by W. P. Whisett, founder of Van Nuys, who will talk on San Fernando Valley history, recalling the fact that not long ago this section was a huge barley field. Edgar Elkins, president of the Board of Public Works, will introduce a number of city and county officials scheduled to be present. This will be followed by an address by Councilman Charles H. Randall and another by Mayor Porter, who will have the honor of the formal laying of the stone.

C. M. Ball, manager of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, and George W. Bunton, manager of the local merchants' association, cooperated in the arrangement of the general program.

LARGEST CELEBRATION

Copies of the Los Angeles Times, San Fernando Sun, North Hollywood Press, Reseda News and the Van Nuys News and Van Nuys Tribune and articles of the period will be sealed into the stone by Mayor Porter.

The ceremonies tomorrow will be the largest public celebration ever held in San Fernando Valley. In keeping with the fiesta and general observance, Van Nuys will enjoy a holiday during the afternoon.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" October 7, 1932

VAN NUYS HAS CITY HALL FETE

Thousands Aid Ceremony of Corner-stone Laying

Mayor Porter Officiates at New $275,000 Edifice

Parade of Several Divisions Marches Prior to Talks

BY H. G. LIDSTONE

VAN NUYS, Oct. 6.—Amid a color-riot of flowers which banked every street intersection in the downtown district, and under banners and flags furled over Van Nuys Boulevard and lateral streets, Van Nuys, assisted by a throng of several thousand persons from all over San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles and Hollywood, this afternoon laid the corner-stone of its new $275,000 City Hall, which when completed is to serve the San Fernando Valley annex to the city of Los Angeles.

The largest parade even given here, supplemented by scores of decorated floats and automobiles, headed by the Los Angeles Police Band and Fred Weddington of North Hollywood as grand marshal, preceded the corner-stone laying by Mayor Porter, who with other high Los Angeles officials, participated as honor guests.

THREE MILES LONG

The line of march which began at Van Owen street at the north end of the townsite, and traversed all of the business section, was more than three miles long. It included several divisions containing cowboys, Boy Scouts, several ox wagons, the Rose Tournament band from Pasadena, mounted police squadrons, R.O.T.C., several high-school bands and drum corps, companies of ex-soldiers and dozens of other colorful displays of participants afoot or "afloat."

At the scene of the laying of the stone at the building at the southeast corner of Sylvan street and Sylmar avenue, a large stand had been erected. More than 5000 persons grouped around this stand when the program began. After an opening air by the police band, and the invocation by Rev. Alfred Abbe of the Sherman Oaks Community Church, following several short addresses and a brief historical talk by W. P. Whitsett, Mayor Porter cemented the stone into the corner of the structure, which is about half completed.

OFFICIALS SPEAK

Introductory remarks were made by J. P. Inglis, chairman of the day. A brief history of the San Fernando Valley was given by W. P. Whitsett, founder of the town of Van Nuys, and now chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board. Edgar A. Elkins, president of the Board of Public Works, introduced public officials.

An address was given by Councilman Randall of the First District, and Mayor Porter then spoke.

Mayor Porter laid the corner-stone, assisted by Cecil Wilcox, city editor of the North Hollywood Press and dean of San Fernando Valley newspaper men, and by Mrs. Alex Jeffrey of Reseda.

A dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Emond Keohan, priest of St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church of Van Nuys. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played by the police band.

MANY TOWNS ASSIST

In the crowd were members from every chamber of commerce, American Legion post, woman's club, real estate board, parent-teacher association and civic and service organization in the valley, including representations from Van Nuys, Reseda, San Fernando, North Hollywood, Encino, Pacoima, Sherman Oaks, Sepulveda, Granada, Burbank, North Los Angeles, Canoga Park, Roscoe, Chatsworth, Studio City, Calabasas, Girard, Tarzana, Tujunga, Sunland, Universal City and Lakeside Park.

Prominent guests of honor were: J. C. MacLay, Mayor of San Fernando; James L. Norwood, Mayor of Burbank; Edgar Rice Burroughs of Tarzana, author of the Tarzan stories; Judge Isaac I. James of North Hollywood, pioneer San Fernando Valley resident; Sarah E. Kellogg, Assemblywoman from the Fifty-first District; members of the City Council; members of the Board of Public Works; Charles O. Brittan, superintendent of the bureau of construction; P. K. Scharbarum, architect; officials of the Herbert M. Baruch Corporation, general contractor of the building, and various officials and commissioners of the Los Angeles city government.

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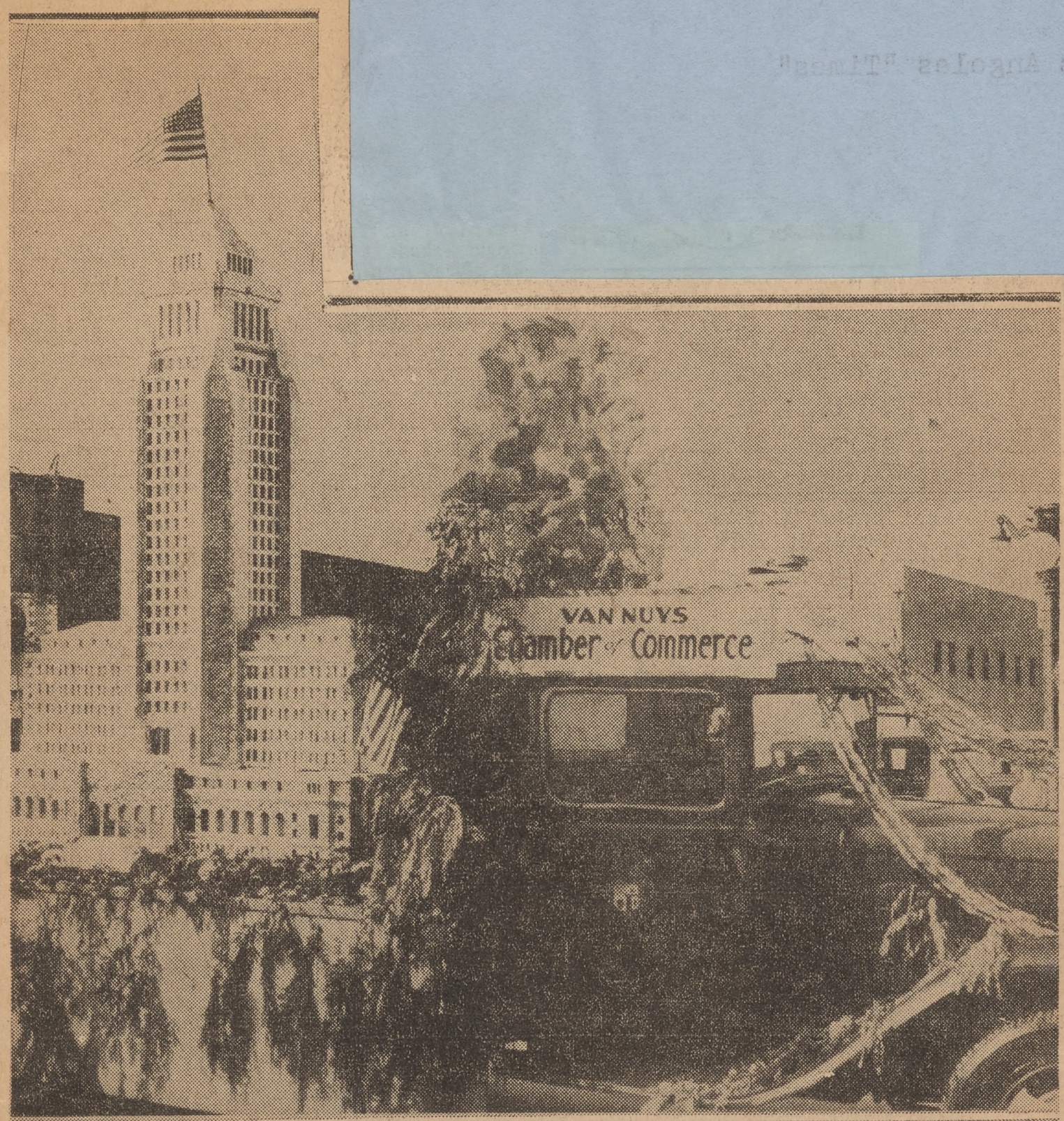

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WHITSETT GETS HOLE IN ONE

Metropolitan Water Man Plans to Rest on Laurels for Time

VAN NUYS, July 23.—W. P. Whitsett of Van Nuys, chairman of the board that is laying plans to bring water from the Colorado to Los Angeles, yesterday played golf here with H. A. Van Norman, head of the Los Angeles water department.

After he and Van Norman had played three or four holes, Whitsett took the right sort of stance and grip and let fly. He made the hole in one. Then he quit. The Whitsett reputation as a golfer is to rest for some time on that last mighty stroke.

He and Van Norman and several friends are now planning a dinner somewhere to celebrate the hole-in-one swipe.

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W. P. WHITSETT

Illus. Daily News November 3, 1932

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WRIGHT LOOKS FOR LOAN

Mayor Porter related the work of the fire department in acting as an employment agency—which brought cheers—and the action of city employes in devoting a percentage of their pay to create work. He explained that the $5,000,000 bond issue for city improvements is now practically exhausted, and the city is turning to the county and state to absorb thousands of jobless.

"There are 175,000 out of work in the county now," said Supervisor

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DAILY NEWS

OFFICIALS TELL JOB OUTLOOK AT UNEMPLOYED MEET

(Continued From Page 3)

Wright. "We have created jobs in some form at the rate of 10,000 per month for the past year. The county has applied to the Reconstruction Finance corporation for a loan, and if this comes, such improvement work as will be started will carry shorter time and more jobs to evenly divide the wages."

"If not for obstacles and litigation, the metropolitan aqueduct would have been well under way by this time," declared W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the water district. "A decision is expected today in Washington, D. C., releasing the first $40,000,000 loan from the R. F. C., which would mean that actual construction could start in 20 days.

"It is a certainty, almost, that work on the biggest project, the San Jacinto tunnel, will be well started by January 1. In nine months, 4500 men will be at work, with 9000 employed after 20 months."

Aliens are excluded, he said, and employes must be citizens of the member-cities in the project. Veterans with dependents will be given preference, and merit and skill will rule on all jobs.

HIGHWAY WORK SOON

Col. Huntington revealed that the state will receivee $4,667,000 federal aid for bridge and highway construction, and that will give work to 3000 family men.

Dr. Charles W. Decker, health officer, told the assemblage what his department was doing to aid the destitute.

The speakers were introduced by George H. McLain, president of the Unemployed Voters' association, which had obtained permission for the meeting. Charles J. McCurdy, attorney for the group, also spoke.

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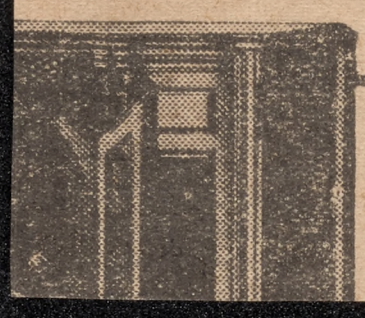

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" November 3, 1932

JOB PROSPECTS GIVEN AT RALLY

Civic Officials Address Unemployed Voters

Public Funds Pledged to Create New Work

News of Federal Allotment Adds to Optimism

Assurance that every available dollar of public funds will be expended to provide jobs during the winter months for Los Angeles county unemployed men and women was given yesterday by State, county and city officials in brief talks before members of the Los Angeles Unemployed Voters' Association at a mass meeting held on the Spring-street steps of the City Hall.

George H. McLain, president of the voter's group, officiated as chairman and announced that the meeting had been called to give public officials an opportunity to advise unemployed residents of pending employment possibilities. More than 1000 members of the association crowded the City Hall steps.

FEDERAL FUND ALLOTED

An optimistic note was sounded by Col. Carlos W. Huntington, personal representative of Gov. Rolph, who stated that more than $5,000,000 had been made available for the immediate construction of public works within the State, and that it was expected that several thousand men would be put to work within a short time on State projects. He emphasized the fact that only legal residents of California will be used in the work.

Col. Huntington stated he had just received a telegram from Sacramento advising that the Federal government had alloted $4,667,000 to California for bridge and highway work with the provision that the money is to be spent before July 1, 1933. To this sum, he said, the State Highway Commission has added $1,230,000 for road construction in Southern California, and $120,000 to establish a construction camp in the Arroyo Seco, where 250 men will be provided with food and shelter. He estimated that more than 5000 additional men will be employed in the completion of this program.

DAM LITIGATION CLEARING

Others who spoke included Mayor Porter, Henry W. Wright, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors; Dr. Charles W. Decker, head of the City Health Department; W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, and Charles Allen of the Voter's Association.

Mr. Whitsett told the gathering that most of the litigation involving the construction of the giant Colorado River Aqueduct has been cleared away, and that present indications are that complete construction will be under way by the first of the new year.

All speakers stressed the importance of patience on the part of unemployed in getting these huge public projects under way, and stated that all projects are being rushed with maximum speed. It also was stressed that contractors on the various projects are being urged to employ only California residents.

YOUTH SEEKS SHELTER

Preceding the mass meeting a delegation representing the youth department of the Unemployed Council appeared before members of the Board of Supervisors with a demand that relief be given to young men and women between 16 and 20 years of age, who, it was contended, are now forced to wander about the county and shift for themselves in their search for employment.

The delegation suggested that the Supervisors use their best efforts to obtain the use of the armory to house the army of unemployed youth, which, the leaders asserted, now numbers approximately 50,000 youngsters. Supervisor Shaw advised that the question of the use of the armory should be taken up with State authorities. He stated that the Supervisors are anxious to do all in their power to aid unemployed young folk, and urged the committee to report immediately on cases that demanded immediate attention.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" November 10, 1932

AQUEDUCT BOND SALE EXPEDITED

Whitsett Says Construction Furthered by Suit

Effort to Balk R.F.C. Loan Dismissed by Court

All Other Steps Speeded on Giant Water Project

The few remaining steps which must be taken before construction of the Colorado River aqueduct is launched will be disposed of with all possible speed by the Metropolitan Water District, it was declared yesterday by the district's chairman, W. P. Whitsett in a statement commenting on the dismissal by the District of Columbia Supreme Court of a suit designed to delay building of the giant water carrier.

"Today the Metropolitan Water District is preparing to push forward the necessary proceedings incidental to the sale of a block of Colorado River aqueduct bonds in the amount of $1,016,000, and to carry forward, as rapidly as possible, all other steps leading to the actual launching of construction work on the great aqueduct project," Whitsett said.

"Action of the District of Columbia court yesterday in dismissing the lawsuit filed in an effort to prevent the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from purchasing aqueduct bonds, clears the way for the Reconstruction Corporation to carry out its agreement to purchase $40,000,000 of aqueduct bonds. Inquiries being made would indicate that others also expect to bid on these bonds as soon as they can be offered."

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" Dec. , 1932

Whitsett to Talk at Board Lunch Tuesday

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, will be the speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Los Angeles Realty Board on Tuesday, next.

In view of the fact that suggestions have emanated from certain sources that the building of the aqueduct be delayed, Mr. Whitsett has been invited to address the realty men, and explain the absolute necessity of proceeding with the work.

The Tuesday meeting will be the last luncheon of the board until after the holidays.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" December 14, 1932

AQUEDUCT SAFETY ASKED

Whitsett, Sketching Future of Southland With More Water, Urges Fight on Politicians

Keep politicians and racketeers out during the building of the Colorado River aqueduct, was the appeal yesterday of W. P. Whitset, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, who spoke to 200 members of the Los Angeles Realty Board at its weekly luncheon.

Mr. Whitsett included these remarks in a general discussion of the water needs of Southern California, especially of the districts that for years have been backward in their industrial growth because of the lack of water.

Southern California is scheduled for one of its greatest periods of growth during the next ten years, Mr. Whitsett predicted, because of the construction of the $220,000,000 aqueduct. Industries from out of State, he said, have only been awaiting the assurance of an adequate supply of water before announcing their decision to move to this sector. He based this statement on experiences of the past when industries demanded guarantees of sufficient water before establishing their businesses here.

The speaker said the value of 150,000 acres in San Fernando Valley affected by the Owens Valley aqueduct, based on a flow of 100 cubic feet of water per second, has been estimated at $300,000,000. And without sufficient water to supply ranches and requirements of various cities expecting to benefit from the new aqueduct, rainfall averaging only fifteen inches a year in the desert district, makes property practically valueless, he declared.

Mr. Whitsett urged that nothing be placed in the way of the successful completion of the aqueduct as a means of supplying the Southwest with water.

Yesterday's dinner was in honor of E. Avery McCarthy, retiring president of the Realty Board. He has been succeeded by N. J. Cordary, new president.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times January 27, 1933

THE FIGHT IN THE DOG

Chairman Whitsett of the Metropolitan Water District, commenting on the culmination of that organization's long fight for the beginning of the Colorado Aqueduct, requoted an old saw which needs to be re-referred to occasionally, because it contains the sort of wisdom that should not be allowed to die out.

It is applicable to the present economic situation and to many individual problems in that situation, and to that of the nation as a whole, which seems to be in a fog of pessimism and defeatism and surrender.

It is not, said Mr. Whitsett, the size of the dog in the fight that brings victory or defeat; it is the size of the fight in the dog.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times February 23, 1933

San Fernando Valley Municipal Building Opens

NEW VAN NUYS CITY HALL DEDICATED BY NOTABLES

Thousands Attend Ceremonies and Inspect $275,000 Edifice Built for Use of Valley Annex

VAN NUYS, Feb. 22.—In a ceremony embracing a program which began with a dinner at the Van Nuys Woman's Club, and took more than four hours to complete, the San Fernando Valley Municipal Building, which cost $275,000 and is to serve all of the San Fernando Valley annex to Los Angeles, today was dedicated by Mayor Porter while about 10,000 citizens from all parts of the valley looked on. Several score city officials, prominent valley residents, a dozen or so film stars who live in the valley and prominent residents from Los Angeles and Hollywood were honor guests and occupied places on the large dedication platform while Joseph Scott, Los Angeles attorney, made the patriotic, Washington Birthday address.

Cliff D. Carpenter, president of the Van Nuys Rotary Club, presided at the dinner and made the introductory talk, after which he gave way to Walter Mendenhall, publisher of the Van Nuys News and member of the executive dedication committee.

NOTABLES INTRODUCED

Mendenhall introduced Mayor Porter, Councilman Randall of this district, City Councilmen Burns, Baker, Ingram, Cole, Lewis and McAllister; Mrs. Earl R. Bever, president of the Van Nuys Woman's Club; Edgar A. Elkins, president of the Board of Public Works; City Attorney Werner, Police Commissioner Kate Smith, Health Officer Charles W. Decker, Police Chief Steckel, C. O. Brittain, Superintendent of Public Buildings; Police Commissioner Thomas Walker, Assistant Chief of Police Finlayson, Capt. C. A. Hodson, commanding the San Fernando Valley police division; Chief of Detectives Joe Taylor, Mayor MacLay of San Fernnado, W. P. Whitsett, head of the Metropolitan Water District and founder of the town of Van Nuys; a half-dozen Superior and Municipal court judges, other police and detective officials and about a score of prominent valley civic leaders.

Mendenhall's introductory talk ended with long applause when he called on Wallace Dickey, Norman Messerly and Mark C. Sutton to arise. They were the original committee appointed several years ago to obtain the valley municipal building and were mainly instrumental in bringing about the completion of the structure.

Civic Leaders Join in Ceremonies

H. V. Platt, chairman of dedication committee, introducing Mayor Porter at the celebration in Van Nuys, and a view of the new $275,000 structure, showing part of the crowd.

CEREMONIES AT SITE

With the adjournment of the dinner the ceremonies at the site, at Sylvan street and Sylmar avenue, began. The entertainment program consisted of music by the Los Angeles Police Band, and drill exhibitions by the police drill team, the police bugle corps, the Van Nuys-Canoga Park High School Band, the Canoga Park Girls' Bugle Corps, the Van Nuys High School R.O.T.C. and Valley Council Boy Scouts.

Father Edmond Keohan, priest of Van Nuys St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, made the invocation, after which a dozen or more film celebrities were called to the microphone by LeRoy Johnson, publicity head of the Universal Pictures studio, who acted as master of ceremonies throughout the dedication. George C. Sidney, Charlie Murray, Boris Karloff, Mickey McGuire and Naomi Judd made short talks. Following this a tree was formally planted by Mayor Porter and Cliff D. Carpenter, head of the Rotary club, on thewest side of the main entrance of the building.

HISTORY OUTLINED

With the beginning of the actual dedication program Councilman Randall made an address which outlined the history of the building from the time of its inception to its completion. An address then was made by H. V. Platt, president of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the executive committee for the dedication. This was responded to by Mayor Porter, who spoke at length on the civic activities of the San Fernando Valley.

Following several short talks by other notables present, the keys of the structure were formally turned over to Mayor Porter by Board of Public Works President Elkins. The ceremonies closed with the address by Mr. Scott, who paid tribute to the civic leadership of the valley. After this the large crowd made an inspection of the many rooms and suites of the structure.

GROWTH TRACED

Dedication of the new building brought to mind the story of the valley's growth from the days of the latter part of the last century when it consisted principally of great grain ranches with which were identified such names as Lankershim, Van Nuys, the Porters and the Maclays.

The pioneer of the present period of intensive development was Harry Chandler. In 1909 he obtained an option on 47,500 acres, which included the area comprised by the communities of Van Nuys, Reseda, Canoga Park and Tarzana. At that time there were only six groups of ranch buildings in the entire area. After the organization by Mr. Chandler of the Suburban Home Company, Mr. Whitsett purchased an undivided one-half interest in a mile-square area in what was then designated as a townsite, subsequently becoming Van Nuys.

The town was founded by Mr. Whitsett and his associates on February 22, 1911, just twenty-two years to the day, before the dedication of the building.

Under Mr. Whitsett's driving force the development proceeded rapidly.

NEW IDEA DEVELOPED

As the town took definite shape, it became apparent to him that the extent of the growth required a more intensively cultivated supporting area, and a complement of industry and manufacturing. This led to his purchasing several thousand additional acres around Van Nuys, on which was successfully created a nucleus of the existing poultry, berry, dairying and truck gardening activities of the valley.

In developing the community of Van Nuys, Mr. Whitsett made lavish grants of land for all worthy civic and religious enterprises. Aside from commercial, industrial and business subsidies, he gave generously of land for schools and to churches without discrimination as to creed. He gave to the city of Los Angeles the original site for the branch City Hall.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times

February 24, 1933

Angelenos Will Go to Bay City for Ceremony

Mayor Porter tonight will head a delegation of citizens who will appear on behalf of Los Angeles at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco Sunday. The party will go by the Southern Pacific.

In addition to the Mayor and Mrs. Porter the delegation includes William May Garland, Joseph Scott, Chief of Police Steckel, Harry Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson, William P. Whitsett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hair, Louis G. Guernsey, Charles Hutson, Dr. C. W. Hoffman, Frederick W. Beetson, Orra E. Monnette, Public Works Commissioner Elkins, Mrs. Berenice Johnson, Dwight Hart, Mrs. Elsie Young, Charles Baer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ham, G. D. Robertson, Mrs. E. H. Anthony and Aaron Riche.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times Sept. 30, 1933

AQUEDUCT AID OUTLOOK TOLD

Whitsett Reports Additional Help Favored by Ickes

Attitude of Easterners Seen as Greatest Obstacle

Advantages of Speeding Up Program Set Forth

Hope that the government will see its way clear to grant the Metropolitan Water District additional money to speed up work on the Colorado River Aqueduct, in harmony with the national administration's re-employment drive, was expressed yesterday by Chairman Whitsett, following a meeting of directors of the district.

Whitsett and Directors Finley and Thomas spent some time in Washington explaining to government officials what the district is prepared to do if the additional money is granted. The general attitude of Secretary of the Interior Ickes and other officials handling loan matters was reported to be sympathetic as to the merits of the district's case. The greatest obstacle was reported to be a feeling in the East that eastern projects must get their share of government help before any more money is lent to California projects, it was reported. This situation was having its effect on the government officials to a degree, but Whitsett felt that sooner or later the district will get the assistance asked for.

ADVANTAGES CITED

"If the leaders in the industrial centers of the nation once understand the far-reaching benefits that will come to them by the stepping up of the Metropolitan District's construction program, they will get behind our request just about as strongly as we ourselves are," said Whitsett.

"We are prepared, by virtue of years of hard work, to put thousands of additional men to work more quickly than is possible on any other project I have heard of. This would be made possible by the additional loan we are seeking from the government, including the 30 per cent grant of money as provided in the act. This money can be applied to labor and materials immediately, advancing our construction program for the years 1934, 1935 and 1936 to this winter and early next spring.

VAST REQUIREMENTS

"If these eastern industrial centers could only realize that if we get this money we could, within forty-five days, let contracts for $37,000,000 worth of equipment, materials and supplies, they would begin to appreciate the benefits that would come to them.

"We will require 8860 carloads of steel, which means 220 train-loads of forty cars each, which would come largely from the large industrial centers of the nation.

"We will require 316 carloads of copper and will place orders for $9,000,000 worth of equipment. We have found that for one man working at the face of one of our tunnels, three or four are required to supply him, in one way or aniother, with material and equipment.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

"If we had the money we could put to work another 16,000 men during this winter and by early spring. That would furnish employment to three times that many people, indirectly, in the industrial and manufacturing centers of the country. Potentially, we can effect the employment of 60,000 men this winter, and with an average of four to a family, that means 250,000 people taken off charity with money which is to go back to the government with interest."

Whitsett said that Secretary Ickes and his aides have under advisement the district's application for a loan of $59,000,000.

At yesterday's meeting of the directors of the district J. H. Ramboz took his seat as representative of San Marino in place of Harry L. Heffner, who resigned because of removal from that city.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles "Times" October 26, 1933

AQUEDUCT JOB ARMY GROWING

Whitsett Announces 3800 Employed on Project

More than 3800 workers are now employed on the Colorado River Aqueduct and that number is increasing at a rate of 500 a month, with 5000 scheduled to be on the job by December 31. This was revealed yesterday by Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the Metropolitan Water District Board.

The district is financially prepared to push ahead with the construction of eighty-seven miles of aqueduct tunnels throughout the next eighteen months, Whitsett said. He drew attention to the fact that the Reconsruction Finance Corporation has contracted with the district to purchase aqueduct bonds as rapidly as offered up to a total of $40,000,000 and these funds are being used to finance the district's aqueduct tunnel construction work now fully under way. About $14,000,000 worth of aqueduct bonds have been sold to date, he pointed out.

At the same time Whitsett emphasized the water district is fully prepared to open up construction work on the aqueduct intake dam at Parker Canyon, and all along the 250-mile aqueduct front, should the Federal government grant the district's pending application for additional funds up to $59,000,000.

W. P. WHITSETT

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VAN NUYS WILL HAIL BIRTHDAY

Twenty-third Anniversary Celebration Plans Begun by Early Residents

VAN NUYS, Jan. 21.—Old-time Van Nuys folk are getting ready to celebrate the twenty-third birthday anniversary of this town, which on February 22, 1911 was carved out of a large barley field. Scores of lots were sold to tourists who had been invited out from Los Angeles. W. P. Whitsett, now head of the Metropolitan District water board, was one of the lot salesmen.

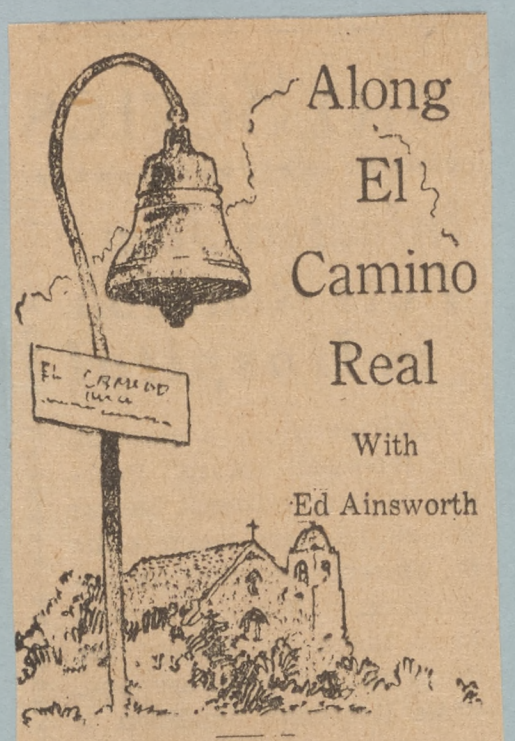
First plans for the celebration were begun yesterday under leadership of Frank M. Keffer, founder of the Van Nuys News. Others on the committee are Mr. Whitsett, Dr. Charles B. Canby, first doctor here; Mark C. Sutton, first drug-store man; Walter Mendenhall and John W. Praiswater, pioneer business men.

The local Kiwanis Club, which comprises some of the oldest residents, will sponsor the celebration.

MAXWELL BOND

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times February 21, 1934.



Along El Camino Real

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Ed Ainsworth

W. P. WHITSETT IS GOin to forget about water and go in for birthday candles tomorrow. The chairman of the Metropolitan Water District also is celebrated as the founder of Van Nuys. The city has completed all plans for its gala observation of the anniversary of its birth. It was established in 1911. Mr. Whitsett has gone far and done many things. He has accomplished much. But I imagine he must get a bigger "kick" out of being the "daddy" of a thriving community with a whopping big City Hall than out of anything else he has undertaken. He must be pretty good humored, too. He only laughed the other day when a reporte inadvertently referred to him as "one of the lot salesmen" when Van Nuys was started. Maybe he thinks, along with some other people nowadays, that it takes a darned good salesman to sell a lot sometimes.

W. P. WHITSETT

Illustrated Daily News February 23, 1934.

Goodwill Celebration Is Quite a Rumpus

THE TOWN OF VAN NUYS held a joint goodwill celebration yesterday—celebrating Washington's birthday and the founding of Van Nuys 23 years ago. But, it was reported, considerable dispute arose over who old-timers. Rehart came on in 1869, and never has otion two years later. —Daily News Photos.

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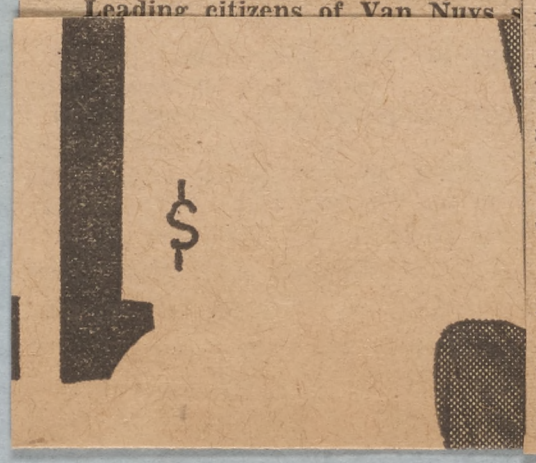

INDIGNANT WITHDRAWAL

An elderly woman stood up and demanded recognition.

"It seems a shame that all these people are being honored and you don't even recognize what my husband did for Van Nuys," she exclaimed, and withdrew indignantly.

Only one of the guests of the day seemed unmoved by the proceedings. A featured columnist for a morning newspaper (not the News), he sat moodily at the speakers' table, disappointed in his quest for the first Indian, or for that matter, the first Mexican in Van Nuys.

Whitsett described the founding of Van Nuys, the closing musical program was presented and the community's anniversary had been observed.

THE LAST STRAW

"And how," grinned a black-browed gentleman on the sidewalk. "Those guys can go on bickering forever, but one thing is certain—

"I was the first bootlegger in Van Nuys!"

"Likell you was, podner," snapped a rangy and hitherto unnoticed individual. "Why, I had two priors and beat another rap before you sold your first pint."

"Yeh?"

"Yeh! Wanna make something of it?"

"You betcha. Let's go down the alley where no one can see us."

And then went, intent on their own anniversary celebration.

W. P. WHITSETT

Illustrated Daily News February 23, 1934.

Goodwill Celebration Is Quite a Rumpus

THE TOWN OF VAN NUYS held a joint goodwill celebration yesterday—celebrating Washington's birthday and the founding of Van Nuys 23 years ago. But, it was reported, considerable dispute arose over who S. V. Rehart and Carl B. Barkla, two old-timers. Rehart came ıe valley from Ohio in a covered wagon in 1869, and never has ed. Barkla arrived via the same locomotion two years later. —Daily News Photos.

Valley City Residents, Like Washington, First In War and Everything

By EUGENE COUGHLIN

Leading citizens of Van Nuys staged a goodwill program yesterday, celebrating the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of the community.

It was one of the most unusual celebrations in Southern California's celebrating history. Women sobbed and demanded justice; men shook heavy fists and expostulated. Fingers were pointed in menacing manner, and several members resigned from a service club in high dudgeon.

The question that precipitated the rupture was no "Who's who?" but "Who was first?"

The committee in charge touched off the fuse when it arranged the anniversary program in the Van Nuys Woman's club, to honor the first doctor, the first druggist, the first real estate man, etc., to do business in Van Nuys.

HOW THE FUN BEGAN

W. P. Whitsett, now head of the Metropolitan water district, was accorded the honor seat as founder of the town.

C. B. Camby was acclaimed the first doctor in Van Nuys.

"Nuts!" exclaimed one of the goodwill delegation. "He was no such thing. Old Doc——"

"Order!" shouted someone who chose to slip into the cloak of anonymity a moment later.

By that time, two other gentlemen were attempting to nominate individuals other than Dr. Camby as "the first doctor in Van Nuys."

The selection of William Andrew as "first merchant in Van Nuys" started another wave of protests. There were those who offered to prove he was preceded in local mercantile history by someone else.

The name of Max C. Sutton as the first druggist didn't fare much better when the delegation heard it.

PUBLICITY CHARGE

"That's downright press agentry —he wasn't the first," declaimed a gentleman who seemed to have quite a bit to do with the program arrangements.

"Who are you?" demanded a reporter.

"I'll never tell you," the informant replied. "Think I'm going to get mixed up in this row? Why, several men have resigned from the Kiwanis club just because of this business.

"Tell you what—you can put me down as the First Diplomat."

By this time the goodwill gathering has assumed the aspects of a G. A. R. encampment at Richmond in the reconstruction days. Charles A. Davis' nomination as the first real estate man met with opposition in some quarters, as did that of Frank M. Kepper as the first newspaperman.

INDIGNANT WITHDRAWAL

An elderly woman stood up and demanded recognition.

"It seems a shame that all these people are being honored and you don't even recognize what my husband did for Van Nuys," she exclaimed, and withdrew indignantly.

Only one of the guests of the day seemed unmoved by the proceedings. A featured columnist for a morning newspaper (not the News), he sat moodily at the speakers' table, disappointed in his quest for the first Indian, or for that matter, the first Mexican in Van Nuys.

Whitsett described the founding of Van Nuys, the closing musical program was presented and the community's anniversary had been observed.

THE LAST STRAW

"And how," grinned a black-browed gentleman on the sidewalk. "Those guys can go on bickering forever, but one thing is certain—

"I was the first bootlegger in Van Nuys!"

"Likell you was, podner," snapped a rangy and hitherto unnoticed individual. "Why, I had two priors and beat another rap before you sold your first pint."

"Yeh?"

"Yeh! Wanna make something of it?"

"You betcha. Let's go down the alley where no one can see us."

And then went, intent on their own anniversary celebration.

W. P. WHITSETT

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VAN NUYS FETES TWENTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY

Pioneers of Town Gather Under Kiwanis Club Auspices to Relive Days of 1913 and Look Forward to Even Brighter Future

BY CHESTER G. HANSON

It was like a large family reunion, and there were laughter and some tears as the old-timers sat down at the long tables in the Van Nuys Woman's Club and celebrated the town's twenty-third birthday anniversary yesterday by looking forward with high hopes based upon what they have accomplished in the past.

The party was held under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club but the festivities and speech-making were not very far along before the pioneers of the town had taken full possession and had turned the pages of the history they themselves had written with their own lives back to the days before anyone had ever heard of a Van Nuys Kiwanis Club: back even to the days when the entire San Fernando Valley was only a great barley field.

They were there who could do it, too. Many had been presented to the assembled guests as having come to Van Nuys or the valley in 1910 or 1911, and even 1904, as had Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hitchcock. Then up popped one who called them all children—because he came first into the valley in 1869. He was S. V. Rehart. Carl B. Barkis reminded them that he came first into the valley in 1871.

MULHOLLAND HEARD

William Mulholland, affectionately known throughout the valley as Bill, in mock disdain boomed forth the comment that he had heard a lot of people who came to the town "in the archaic times of 1910 and 1911," but for himself, he first traversed the valley in 1877.

"We Build," the motto of Kiwanis, said Frank Keffer, reflected the spirit in which the pioneer settlers of the town had gathered together. They were not through building. Albert B. Morris, president of the Kiwanis Club, welcomed the guests.

W. P. Whitsett, one of the guests of honor and the man who purchased a half-interest in the townsite and had the job of selling the whole thing, told in an intimate manner the story of how it was done: Of the decision to have a grand opening of the townsite and the great auction sale of town lots on February 22, 1911—and not to forget the mammoth barbecue handled by Joe Romero, "enough to feed 10,000 people." Joe thought Whitsett was out of his head.

But when they came on the special excursion trains, and kept coming even after dark in wagons, buggies and on horseback, word had to be passed to Joe and his aides to slice the barbecue a little thinner to make it go around.

CITY'S STORY TOLD

Whitsett, now chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, told how one obstacle after another was overcome, how ten houses almost leaped into being out of the sagebrush, and the throngs who came saw the workmen putting on the roofs to prove the company meant business when it said a town was going to be built there.

As he unfolded the story to them, round about the room gray-haired now, they beamed up at him and smilingly nodded their heads—yes, yes, they remembered well now that he had recalled it. Many of them were numbered among the throngs that came out to the auction and enjoyed their first real barbecue in the West.

Some were at the tables there who sat alone, as it were, for husband or wife who had accompanied them on that great day or in the boom days that followed, had passed on. But they smiled through their tears.

But it was not the past alone in which Whitsett was interested. It was more of the future—of the remarkable opportunities that await the people of Van Nuys and the entire San Fernando Valley in the future, what with a crazy world fast coming to its senses and turning again to the soil for health and happiness.

"I cannot help pointing out to you," said Whitsett, "the opportunities you have today with people turning back from the cities. There is no land that I know of where you will find the great variety of things that will grow right here on the floor of this valley. You can preach it to the world and get over the story of what people can do here, and they will buy every acre you have to sell."

Proof of it He already had proved it within the last year in his own case. He and associates had in that time located fifty-three families in the valley. And they were only part of the story, for every family meant that two or three additional families were directly or indirectly influenced. He reeled off figures of dollars and cents.

STORY OF VALLEY

Harry Chandler, publisher of The Times, told the story of the valley as he knew it, of his own experiences as a boy when he sold fruit to the threshing crews that were harvesting on the great Van Nuys ranch in 1882. He paid a tribute also to the late H. J. Whitley, for his great part in the development of the town and valley.

"This community," he said, "I apprehend has a tremendous future, not only because of the quality of the soil and the location but more important and more fundamental because of the quality of the people who came here to live.

"The quality of its people determines largely the future of any community."

Mulholland spoke briefly after a great roar of applause for him had died down. He had enjoyed the recounting of the town's story because it brought back to him some of his own experiences in the valley. He first looked the valley over as a possible water supply source for Los Angeles and, in fact, it still is to an extent because the city still derives water from the Los Angeles River, by pumping, and that in turn comes from the San Fernando Valley. From there, it was a step to the Owens Valley—and now on to the great Colorado River for a new water supply.

BEST IN COUNTRY

D. W. Pontius, president of the Pacific Electric, told the townspeople he would be willing to match their community against any in America. He first went into the valley with Whitley to lay out a railroad right of way for the transportation system that was to come. He, too, looked into the future with great optimism. He believed the depression is "on its way up, and in another two or three years we will be back where we ought to be." If there is any place to go to when the people start moving again, it is Los Angeles, and of the Los Angeles area none will benefit so much from the influx, in his opinion, as will the San Fernando Valley.

It was for John Steven McGroarty, poet and philosopher, to plumb the emotional depths of these pioneers. He spoke as a neighbor who had come over from the Green Verdugo Hills. He was no stranger to the valley or its people. He was there the day of the barbecue and auction.

CIVILIZATION TO PERISH

He called attention to what he said was history: That every civilization that abandoned the soil perished, because they were herded in the cities.

"This civilization of ours will perish," he said, "unless the people get back to the soil. It does not take a prophet to tell you that. It is historical. Here in the gorgeous San Fernando Valley men can go back to the soil with the little house and his little patch of land. That is the plan being carried out in the San Fernando Valley."

He was there at the first birthday party and hopes he would be there for the party fifty years from now. But if he were elsewhere, if he and some of the others were not there fifty years from now, they would gather together at the ramparts of heaven and look down upon the little homes in the San Fernando Valley and be happy at the sight he was sure they would behold.

There was singing of the old songs by the group and there were vocal selections by Leuverne Sagmund. Before adjournment, Keffer read a list of names of men who played a prominent part in the development of Van Nuys, but who have died. Those present stood for a moment in silent tribute to them.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Examiner March 29, 1934

WATER TURNED INTO BOUQUET STORAGE LAKE

Stand-by Reservoir Receives First Flow From Aqueduct; Control Will Be Automatic

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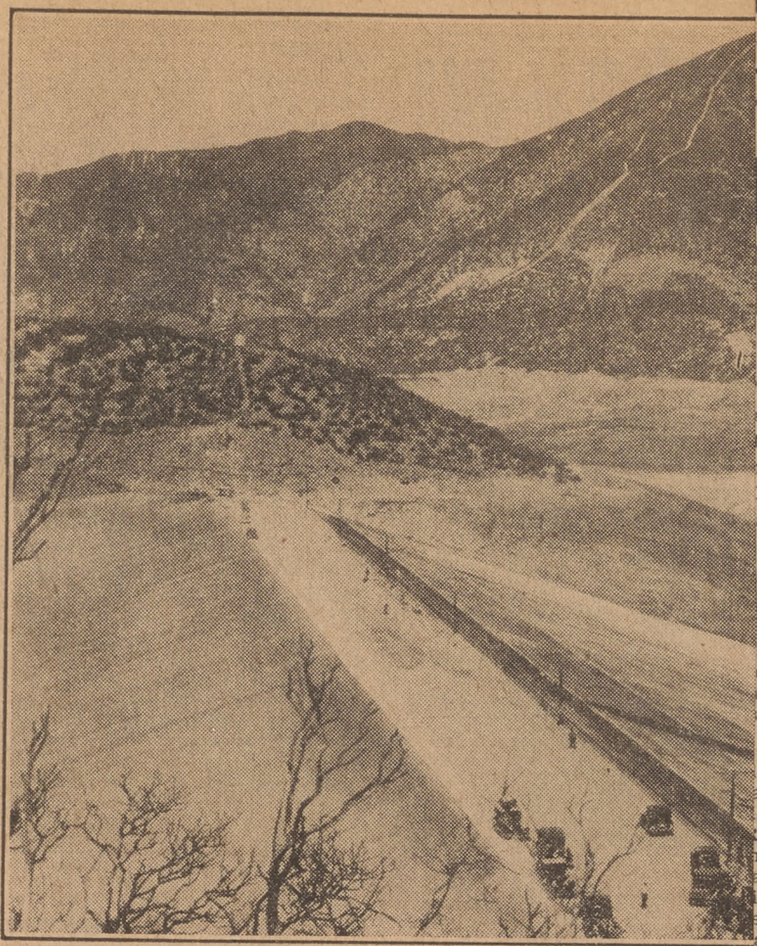

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RANK BROWN ND KAY RETURN O KFWB TONIGHT

Those widely contrasted comics, rank Brown and Kay LaVelle, ave stored away the grease paint fter a vaudeville tour up and down e Pacific Coast and return to FWB this evening as featured arsts with "Laff Clinic" at 8:15 clock.

In a skit which Skipper Willard all, now a peace officer, has rummed up the portly Miss Laelle will be heard in the role of Little Eva." An ensemble arrangeent of "Easter Parade," the popur hit of "As Thousands Cheer," the musical piece de resistance.

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Television, which remains a puzze to the average listener, will be amified by three accepted scienists during KHJ's "Anthaneum ound Table" at 5:30 p. m. Transission of pictures and voice by adio forms the subject of discusion as Royal W. Sorenson, proessor of electrical engineering; Dr. amuel S. MacKeown, associate proessor, and Dr. Frederick C. Lindall, assistant professor, all of Calirnia Institute of Technology, ather 'round the table and express

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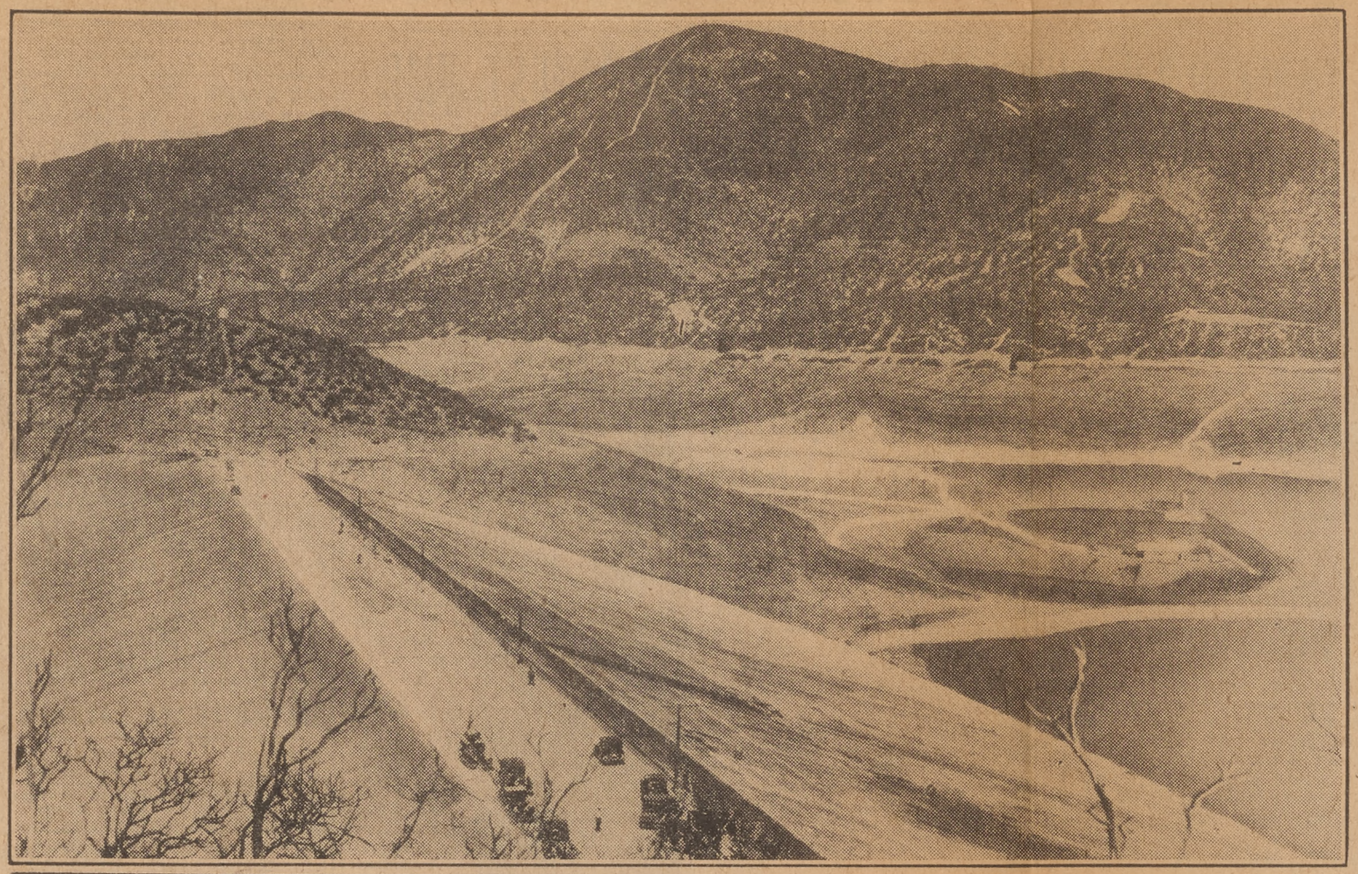

BOUQUET CANYON DAM and lake it creates for storage of water, a close-in supply for city.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times September 27, 1934

MRS. W. P. WHITSETT DIES

Wife of Van Nuys Founder, Prominent Socially, Succumbs to Illness at Hospital

Mrs. Sara Whitsett, wife of W. P. Whitsett, founder of the town of Van Nuys and now head of the Metropolitan Water District, died early yesterday at the Good Samaritan Hospital following an illness due to anemia. She was 62 years of age.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. next Saturday from the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Whitsett

Mrs. Whitsett was prominent socially and in church and civic improvement affairs. Her home at 6711 Van Nuys Boulevard was the scene of numerous social and cultural gatherings, and she had endeared herself to friends and acquaintances as a neighbor and faithful friend.

A staunch friend of the children of her community, Mrs. Whitsett at Christmas time each year played hostess to thousands of boys and girls of Van Nuys and the San Fernando Valley.

She leaves besides her husband, two sons, Frank R. and Paul Whitsett; a daughter, Mrs. Wilton Still, and several grandchildren, all of Van Nuys. With her husband she came to Southern California from Pennsylvania about twenty-five years ago.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times September 29, 1934

Respect Paid in Whitsett Death

The board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District yesterday passed a resolution extending symyathy to Chairman W. P. Whitsett on the death of his wife, prominent social, civic and church leader of the San Fernando Valley.

Out of respect for the memory of Mrs. Whitsett offices of the water district will be closed today after 10 a.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times January 19, 1935

WHITSETT RE-ELECTED

Water District Picks Officers

Board Also Orders Purchase of Materials for Aqueduct Costing $382,948

W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District board of directors since the inception of that organization in 1928, was unanimously re-elected yesterday to another two-year term of office.

At the same time the district directors unanimously re-elected Director Franklin Thomas of Pasadena as vice-chairman, Director S. H. Finley of Santa Ana as secretary, and Director D. W. Pontius of Los Angeles as controller.

PURCHASES ORDERED

The board also authorized the purchase of materials for Colorado River Aqueduct construction work in the amount of $382,948.85. Orders for the following items were approved:

From the Truscon Steel Company, 2075 tons of rail steel reinforcing bars for use in aqueduct concrete work—$106,476.

From the Security Materials Company, an equal quantity of the same material—also $106,476.

From the Soule Company, 1510 tons of intermediate grade billet steel reinforcing bars—$86,789.90.

From the same company, 170 tons of the same material fabricated into hoops for the reinforcing of concrete siphons—$9913.33.

PUMPS FOR TUNNEL

From the Petroleum Equipment Company, five centrifugal pumps with a capacity of 2600 gallons per minute and capable of lifting water 850 feet—$32,250. These pumps will be used in the Potrero shaft of San Jacinto tunnel of the aqueduct.

Also from the Petroleum Equipment Company, four centrifugal pumps with a capacity of 2500 gallons per minute, and capable of lifting water 275 feet—$8793.60. These are to be used at Cabazon shaft of the San Jacinto bore.

From the Western Pipe and Steel Company, 25,000 feet of thirty-inch lightweight steel pipe for use in connection with pumping operations at San Jacinto—$32,250.

FEDERAL SUIT PUSHED

Meanwhile in the Federal courts the district yesterday carried its battle to take over the equipment of Wenzel and Henoch Construction Company, whose contract to build the San Jacinto tunnel was rescinded.

The district charged in a bill of complaints that the contractors had threatened to use force to prevent water engineers from taking possession of the equipment and properties in the San Jacinto Mountains.

DELAYS CHARGED

Frank E. Weymouth, general manager of the district, had ordered the contract withdrawn because of asserted "unnecessary and unreasonable delay" in building the twelve-mile tunnel, link in the Colorado aqueduct.

The court was asked to restrain the contractors from continuing work or from interfering with the district in taking charge of the work.

Named Again

W. P. Whitsett, yesterday re-elected president of the Metropolitan Water District Board.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times May 20, 1935

BRIDE TAKEN BY WHITSETT

Wife Florida Socialite

Chairman of Metropoiltan Water District Board on Honeymoon

JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) May 19. (AP)—Mrs. Ida Floyd White, prominent in Jacksonville society and women's activities in Florida, and William Paul Whitsett of Los Angeles were married tonight.

Whitsett is chairman of the board

William Paul Whitsett

of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which is constructing the Colorado River aqueduct.

Mrs. White, a divorcee, is past vice-president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

After the wedding at her parents' home the couple left by plane for Washington and a honeymoon in the East. They will live in Los Angeles.

RELATIVES SURPRISED AT WHITSETT'S MARRIAGE

Relatives of W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District and founder of the town of Van Nuys, expressed surprise last night when informed of his marriage in Florida. They have not been advised directly of the nuptials, they said.

Whitsett left for the East a few weeks ago, to be gone three months. His brother, Allien M. Whitsett, lives at 7806 Walnut street. Two sons, Paul and Frank Ross Whitsett, live in Van Nuys, as does a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Still.

Mrs. Sara Whitsett, first wife of Whitsett, died last November. Whitsett's housekeeper, Miss Catherine Bernhardt, said the marriage was a surprise to the family.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times May 23, 1935

WHITSETTS TO LIVE HERE

When William Paul Whitsett, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District, and his bride return from a honeymoon trip through the East, they will make their home in Los Angeles, it was disclosed yesterday.

Whitsett, founder of the town of Van Nuys, married Mrs. Ida Floyd White, prominent Jacksonville (Fla.) society leader, in the Florida city May 19 in a wedding that was a

Mrs. W. P. Whitsett

surprise to Whitsett's family and California friends.

Immediately after the wedding the couple flew by plane to Washington, D. C., and began a trip through the East.

Mrs. Whitsett has long been prominent in the work of the National Garden Clubs and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Examiner June 11, 1935

HOME WITH BRIDE

W. P. WHITSETT, water district chairman, and bride, here after recent surprise wedding. — Examiner photo.

AQUEDUCTWORK WILL EXPAND, SAYS WHITSETT

Water District Board Head Rejoices Over Millions Added to Project Funds

Jubilant over Reconstruction Finance Corporation allocation of an additional $36,000,000 in Federal funds to the Colorado River Aqueduct project, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board, Metropolitan Water District, returned to Los Angeles yesterday with his Florida bride, the former Mrs. Ida Floyd White.

They were married at Jacksonville last May 19.

"The new allocation means that we have sufficient funds for enlarged construction schedules," Whitsett said.

Mrs. Whitsett is vice president general, Daughters of the American Revolution, a Colonial Dame, and prominent in National Garden Clubs.

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W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times June 11, 1935

Newlywed Pair Arrive

William P. Whitsett, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District, arrived home yesterday, accompanied by his bride, the former Ida Floyd White, of Jacksonville.

WHITSETT RETURNS HOME WITH HIS FLORIDA BRIDE

Accompanied by his bride, William P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, returned to this city yesterday.

The civic leader, who founded the city of Van Nuys, surprised friends and relatives when he married Mrs. Ida Floyd White, prominent in Jacksonville (Fla.) society, last May 19.

"It was a case of love at first sight, I presume," Mrs. Whitsett laughingly replied when asked details of the romance.

"You see, I was president of the Federation of Garden Clubs of Florida and I think Mr. Whitsett, who is fond of gardens, found me while I was making a speech at one of the meetings."

Planning to reside here, Mrs. Whitsett, glimpsing California for the first time, expressed pleasure at the flowers and shrubbery of the Southland.

Mr. Whitsett, who went east last April, was enthusiastic regarding Federal support on Metropolitan water projects.

"We spent considerable time in Washington," he said. "I was told by officials of the R.F.C. that they were highly pleased with reports made by inspectors on our projects."

The couple were met at the train by a group of Mr. Whitsett's business associates, including C. H. Toll, treasurer of the Metropolitan Water District; Franklin Thomas, member of the board; Roy Milner and Andrew Gram, secretaries to Mr. Whitsett; Walter Mendenhall, Van Nuys publisher, and Frank M. Keffer, president of the Van Nuys Building and Loan Association.

Los Angeles Times October 20, 1935

Fact and Comment

Great Encouragement

Out to Hollywood the other day to attend another of the meetings of the Hollywood Skyscraper Club there—all its meetings are excellent.

Chairman A. Z. Taft presides with grace and dignity.

At the other-day meeting we heard some decidedly encouraging facts regarding the realty situation, its uptrend, how it can be furthered.

Splendid address by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, founder of the city of Van Nuys, a leading developer of San Fernando Valley.

He sees in prospect a great, new hegira toward this part of the nation from many other parts of the country . . . We understood him to say he found that out from a recent extensive tour.

Mr. Whitsett gave a vivid description of San Fernando Valley's growth, and of its tremendous possibilities.

It certainly is encouraging to be told the new realty uptrend here by those who know about it.

There's no guess work about the trend. Telling the facts of it isn't merely an expression of hope. It's even more than an expression of confidence.

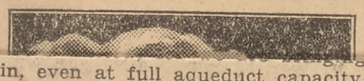
It's a recital of what actually is going on in the way of new realty activity—and there's plenty going on, with more to come.

W. P. WHITSETT

Riverside Daily Press October 29, 1935

Value of Huge Aqueduct to Riverside County Told by W. P. Whitsett to Present Day Members

Chairman of Directors Is Guest of Honor



breaking up of homes and business ties will cause those people who have a nest-egg left to seek new homes in new places. Where will they go? A dozen basic reasons point to Southern California. A large percentage of our people are looking for 'green pastures,' and in the minds of thoughtful people, there are no pastures quite so green as those in Southern California, which have been made possible by the Hoover dam and the Colorado river aqueduct, not to forget the All-American canal. These are the wonder construction jobs of the ages now being crowded to completion. The construction of the Colorado river aqueduct at a cost of $220,000,000, will secure the investments that have been made on the coastal plains and will insure the development of wealth and population that will surely follow the doubling of our present supply of water and hydro-electric power. Southern California beckons to a changing world.

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Water Cost Setup

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Chairman of Directors Is Heard in Address at Dinner Meet

"It is safe to say that at least $7,000,000 of the Colorado River aqueduct payroll has found its way into the channels of trade in Riverside county, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water district, declared in an address at the opening dinner-meeting last night of the Present Day club series in Pilgrim hall. Sound pictures of the great aqueduct, particularly as it affects this country, were featured prior to the address of Mr. Whitsett. V. C. Glass was the projectionist.

"The amount of money spent by the district in Riverside county up to Oct. 1, on supplies, services and utilities totals $2,733,210," Mr. Whitsett said. "The estimated amount to be spent before completion of the aqueduct is $8,010,000. In camps in Riverside county to date, $15,532,000 has already been expended, and up to December, 1938, this amount will be swelled to $31,959,000."

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Mr. Whitsett also recalled the work of the late S. C. Evans in connection with the early stages of the Hoover dam project. "As I sat listening to the eloquent addresses made at the dedication of Hoover dam a few weeks ago, I thought of Sam Evans," he said. "I thought of the time and effort Sam Evans had so unstintingly devoted to the cause without counting the personal cost to himself. Following in the footsteps of such men, and inheriting the benefits of their work, it becomes our duty to 'carry on' with the same clear vision of the greatest ultimate good undimmed by personal prejudice and aloof from personal gain."

Are Welded Together

Mr. Whitsett stated that the interests of Southern California are so welded together that henceforth it must move as a unit, "whether we will or not."

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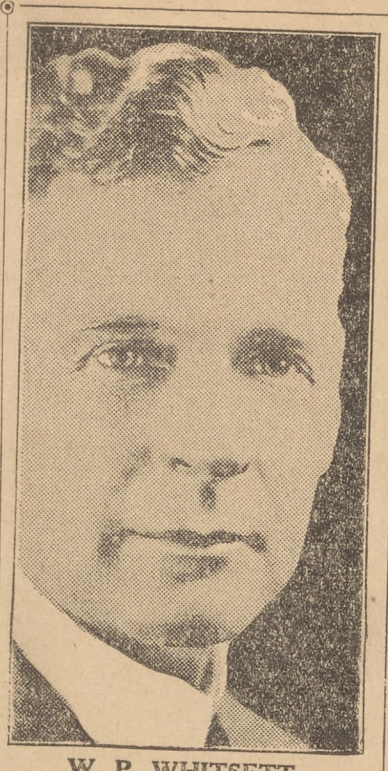

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Traces Early History

Frank A. Tetley traced early history from the standpoint of water development in the valley. He said the basin is gradually being depleted and that something must be done to restore this water, or make available other supplies.

City Engineer George Hinckley of Redlands remarked that water levels in the Santa Ana basin are decreasing. He expressed the belief that water from the Metropolitan district will be an absolute necessity. J. W. Prendergast, also of Redlands, expressed a similar viewpoint.

W. G. Fraser, Riverside banker, said he voted to have Riverside enter the Metropolitan Water district, and that he has not changed his opinion since the recent election. Some day those who voted against this proposition may learn that they were wrong, he said.

Dr. Arthur L. Brown spoke of the purification of Colorado river water, and J. R. Westbrook referred to the sufficiency of water to be taken from the aqueduct. Frank J. Bohr said he would like to "hire Mr Whitsett as a realtor," and Oscar Ford warned that water levels are receding yearly.

President Paul announced that the "chain store tax bill" will be discussed at the next meeting on Nov. 25.

Illustrated folders of Hoover dam and lake were distributed through the courtesy of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; also a booklet and map of the Colorado river aqueduct, with roads and a wealth of detailed matter, through the courtesy of the Metropolitan Water district.

New President Presides

The 269th meeting, or the 34th year of the club, was formally opened by the singing of "America." Dr. Harry L. Boardman delivered the invocation. T. E. Gore, retiring president, presented the gavel to Arthur G. Paul, director of Riverside Junior college, the new head of the organization. This gavel was manufactured at the Riverside high school shop building under the direction of Prof. W. C. Wigley. Herbert Richmond did the engraving. He has performed this service gratuitously for the last 15 years.

Introduction of new members of the executive board included, Judge O. K. Morton, Dr. Ray B. McCarty, and R. J. Asbury. These with Mr. Paul, D. S. Bell, Chas. E. Johnson and Secretary Walter D. Clark now constitute the board. Mr. Gore and O. B. Ormiston are the retiring members.

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W. P. Whitsett Says Growth of San Fernando Region Parallels Hollywood

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ENTHUSIASM VOICED

Reviewing statistical reports for the year, Whitsett at his home here voiced enthusiasm over the 1935 valley building value of $4,118,502, which represents a tremendous gain over the 1934 value of $1,497,961.

He declared that valley development originating from Los Angeles is proceeding at approximately the same rate as did Hollywood's in its growth in connection with Los Angeles. He attributed the influx of residents here to a new urge on the part of home owners to obtain small farm homes as stabilized security.

GREATER GAIN SEEN

Authoritative figures showing that more than 2000 families moved into the valley during 1935 were interpreted by Whitsett as indicative that this number will be exceeded during the present year.

Whitsett departed for the East today on an extended business trip.

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Growth Told

Walter Mendenhall, editor and co-publisher of the Van Nuys News, which today will publish a special edition describing the city's development in last twenty-five years. City's twenty-fifth birthday anniversary will be observed Saturday.

VAN NUYS FETE READY

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of City Will Be Marked in Program Saturday

VAN NUYS, Feb. 19.—With a program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and publication of an elaborate special edition of the Van Nuys News tomorrow to herald the occasion, this city is awaiting its twenty-fifth birthday anniversary Saturday.

The News, to set forth statistical data and various features concerning a quarter of a century of steady development here, is published under direction of Walter Mendenhall, editor and co-publisher of the newspaper for sixteen years.

TRIBUTE TO WHITSETT

As a benefactor and developer instrumental in establishing Van Nuys as a major community in the San Fernando Valley, tribute will be paid W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, and a resident here.

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LEADER IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Mendenhall, a leader in civic work here, is a member of Mayor Shaw's Citizens' Committee on Governmental Reorganization. He has served as lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis International, and has been a member of the Republican Central Committee for six years.

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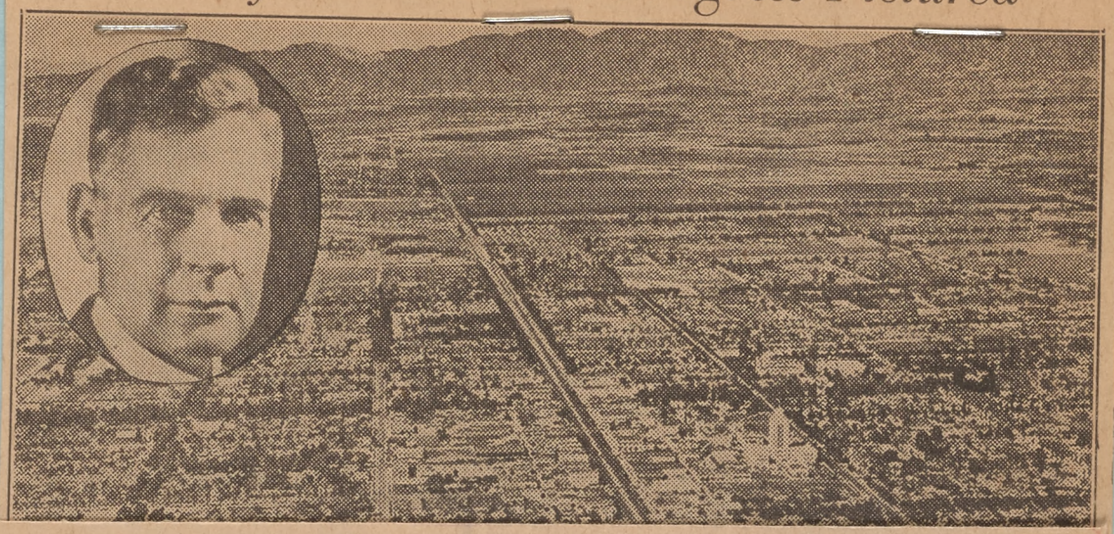

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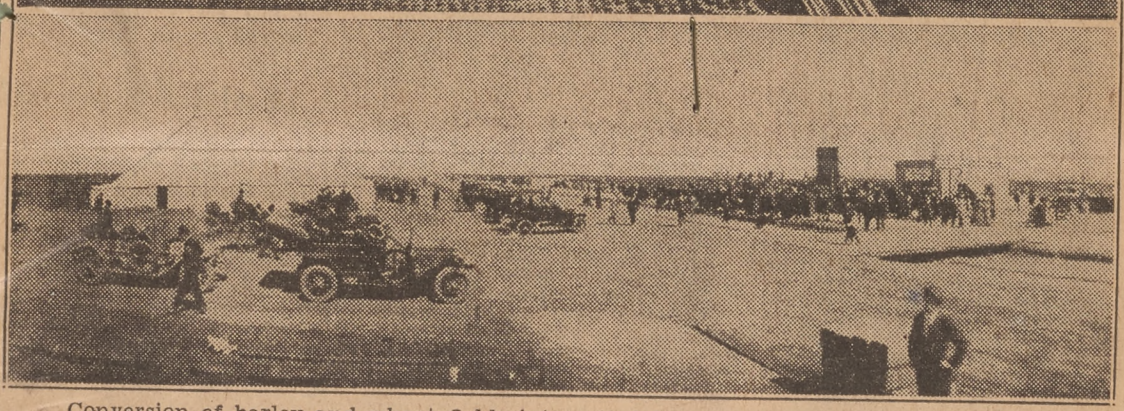

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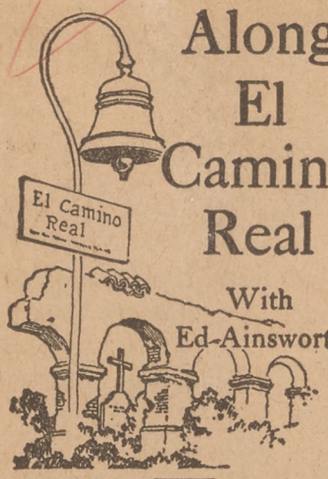

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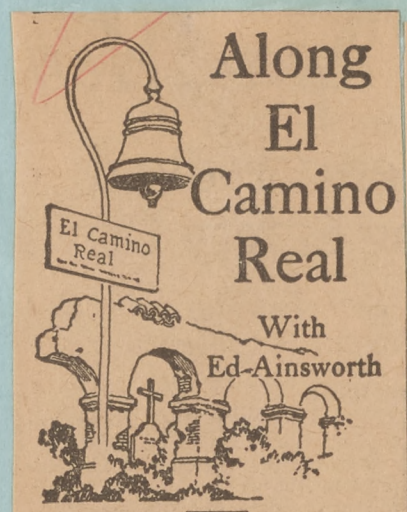

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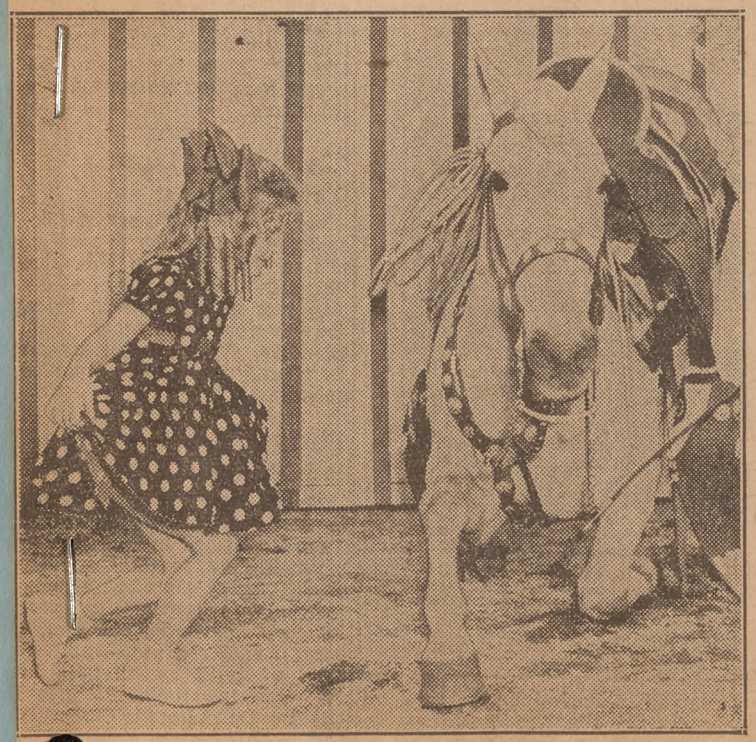

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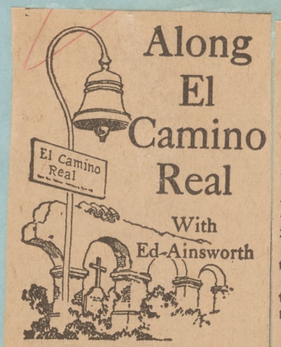

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W. P. WHITSETT HAS THE right today to get just a little bit swell-headed.

He won't, but he has the right to.

This is the twenty-fifth birthday anniversary of Van Nuys. And Mr. Whitsett is the papa of Van Nuys.

If that isn't enough cause for a bit of pardonable pride, I'd like to know what is.

Of course, there are others who are entitled to a piece of the birthday cake, but Mr. Whitsett deserves the biggest slice.

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"THE NEWS" CARRIES ON

Van Nuys in twenty-five years has gone from a tent in the middle of a barley field to the thriving city that it is today.

Right now it is going into another great phase of its forward march.

This was well demonstrated during the week.

The bustling Van Nuys News came out with a forty-page anniversary number all done up in silver paper with the picture of a lighted candle on it.

When Editor Walter Mendenhall—who has grown up with Van Nuys and boosted it through good times and bad—started to prepare the anniversary number he set sixteen pages as the goal.

COULDN'T STOP

But he was too conservative.

Merchants began to send in ads by the dozens. Everybody wanted to co-operate.

So the number of pages was upped to 24. The ads still poured in. Up went the pages to thirty and then to thirty-six.

And at the very last minute the total had to go to forty to take care of the phenomenal business.

The special edition is a credit to The News and to Van Nuys.

It just shows that people out that way realize they're just beginning to grow.

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CUPID HELPS FETE

A note of romance will figure in the birthday celebration, too.

Maybe because he thought he could remember the date better that way, Editor Fred Hitchings of the Van Nuys Tribune has picked today for his wedding day.

He will marry Gertrude Loretta Rios in Ventura.

Thereafter the occasion will be a triple anniversary for him—his wedding date, the birthday of Van Nuys and George Washington's Birthday.

That last one is bad. Just think of being married on the birthday of the Truthful George.

It might sort of cramp a man's style if he wanted to tell his wife a little fib.

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ALL KINDS OF THINGS

Anyway, besides newspapers, romance, real estate, chickens and rabbits, Van Nuys can claim other distinctions, too.

It possesses the imposing branch City Hall for the whole San Fernando Valley.

It can boast of the famous Milton H. Berry Institute of Paralysis Correctment, where infantile paralysis victims are given a new start in life.

Out at the high school it has the prettiest journalist in Southern California, Pat (a girl despite the name) Hollen, editor of the school paper.

And it has even become the headquarters of a circus now, Ken Maynard's outfit having bedded down there for awhile. What will it do next?

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WHAT WILL BE NEXT?

With all these things to boast of after the first twenty-five years there is no telling to what heights Van Nuys may reach in the next twenty-five.

We can expect almost anything.

But don't anticipate that everybody will learn how to pronounce its name in that time.

Some people will still be saying "Van Nice," "Von News," "Ven Noise," "Van Nees" or "Van Noos."

It's really "Vann Nize," with the "q" pronounced as in "Zanzibar," if you know what I mean.

Club to Give Leap Year Breakfast

Mayor L. E. Olson will escort of Miss Neva Vese man and founder of the Women's Breakfast Forum leap year breakfast, next the Tuesday Afternoon Glendale. Two prominent members will be accomp policemen.

Birth Control Leader Writes

Thirty centers for disse of scientific birth contr been established in India, maternity wards of hosp other places where physi in charge, according to tion just received from M garet Sanger, internation man of birth-control who has communicated Gladys De Lancey Sm fornia chairman.

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ant "Personality Builders"—ad-anced ideas you need in the course

To get any of the attractive eight-page booklets, send 10 cents (coin preferred) to The Times Women's Service Bureau, 202 West First street, Los Angeles, Cal. Or any one may be obtained for 10 cents by calling at the information counter on the first floor of the building. Be sure to specify whether you want Booklet No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 or all five—at 10 cents each.

t improvement. Don't delay your fth lesson if you've studied the rst four. And it's not too late to egin with the first. Write for your opies today!

Beauty Masks Can Help You

The thrill of seeing your face beautiful is reason enough for wanting to give an occasional hour for Lydia Lane's new beauty masks. They can be made quickly and economically and are applied at your leisure at home. Write for her new leaflet, "Home Beauty Treatment With Masks," and begin your facial improvement today!

Your copy will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your name, address and a 3-cent stamp. Do not send a stamped envelope. Or it may be obtained for 1 cent by calling at the Information Counter on the first floor of The Times Building, 202 West First street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Marriage News of Couple Told

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Palmer of Whittier announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Jeane Palmer, and James Macdonal Gaylord at Schenectady, N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord are graduates of Occidental College.

Crocheted, Even by Inexpert

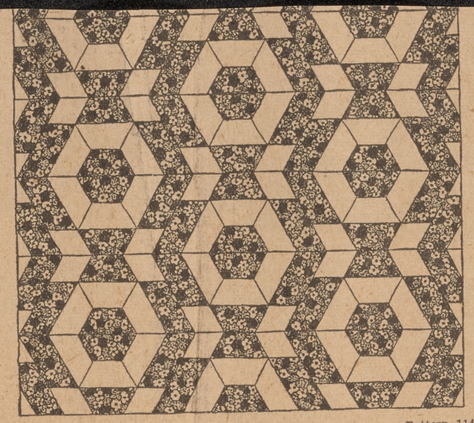
BY ISABEL SHELDON

There is no need to carry on about the virtues of a plentiful scarf collection. All smart young women know they can scarcely have too many scarves to create different effects with sweaters, suits and sports togs.

One of the most adaptable types is the soft triangular scarf which drapes in a becoming cowl neck line. Those who can crochet, if only the easiest stitches, would be foolish not to make one like the model illustrated, which costs but a few cents.

Do it in white with navy blue edges to show that you are in the running with spring fashion dictates or, perhaps, in two shades of gold to match the accessories of your new gray costume. Wear it snug around your throat with your tailored suit, or let it fall softly with the angle at one side for a dressier mood. Launder it in soap suds as often as you like and it will continue to come out fresh and dainty whether you iron it or not.

Let me send you the illustrated leaflet with directions for making. All I ask is your name, address and a 3-cent stamp. If you like, you can get the leaflet for 1 cent by calling for it at the Information Bureau on the first floor of The Times Building.



Pattern 1147

Three Pattern Pieces in Quilt

It's like a "merry-go-round"—this easy-to-patch quilt whose blocks are pieced from the center, out. The name "Three Patch" tells you it has but three pattern pieces, and what's more, with all pieces the same width, you cut your material in strips and snip off patches as needed. Could anything be easier?

Pattern 1147 comes to you with complete, simple instructions for cutting, sewing and finishing, together with yardage chart, diagram of quilt to help arrange the blocks for single and double bed size, and a diagram of block which serves as a guide for placing the patches and

Send 10 cents in stamps or coin (coin preferred) for this pattern to the Los Angeles Times Needlecraft Department, 202 West First street, Los Angeles, Cal. Patterns are not available at the office. Please allow five days for delivery.

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According to laymen, the at the salon during Februa markable in the blending of and eastern art. Hideo Da Okubo, Tyrus Wong and Leung and Don Palmerton exhibitors.

W. P. WHITSETT

San Marino Tribune April 3, 1936

W. P. Whitsett Pays Tribute To California

Metropolitan Water District Chairman Discourses on Our Drawing Qualities

We are in receipt of a communication from Mr. W. P. Whitsett, the able and energetic chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, which speaks eloquently of the potentialities of Southern California in respect to many things. The letter is as follows:

Mr. Frank W. Collins,
San Marino Tribune,
2655 Mission Rd.,
San Marino, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

Because of a rather extended trip to the east, several issues of the Aqueduct News have accumulated since the last was sent to you.

During my visit in the east, I made, as has been my custom for the past 30 years, a careful investigation of the factors influencing the movement of population to Southern California. As a result of my observations I am convinced that the prospects of our continued growth are greater than they have ever been in the years of my experience. The dust storms of last year and the severe colds and devastating floods of the current season have made people in the east and middle west more conscious of the advantages, both economically and socially, of living in an area of mild climate protected against the vagaries of nature by an assured water supply.

In no place, with the possible exception of the areas at present benefiting from the expansion of the increased demands for automobiles, did I find anything but a strong desire to shift residences and activities to areas such as Southern California. Particularly more noticeable than I have ever before observed was the conviction that Southern California has great potentialities as a manufacturing center. The shift of the aviation plants to Southern California has undoubtedly been very influential in directing attention to this possibility. Easterners seem at last to have come to realize that because of the competition between transportation by boat, rail and trucks and combinations of these means, that their products can be manufactured and delivered to the large centers of consumption and use in competition with manufacturers located elsewhere.

They are also recognizing in an active way that our climatic conditions, our availability of raw materials and our labor conditions and cost of living make possible a decidedly favorable differential in manufacturing costs.

I thought you would be interested in these observations which I believe have a very important bearing on the immediate future of Southern California.

Yours very truly,
W. P. WHITSETT.

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Los Angeles Examiner June 15, 1937

Aqueduct Water for Cities Only

Not Irrigation Project, Says Whitsett

Only areas that are now or may be expected rapidly to become urban will be admitted to the Metropolitan Water District, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the district's board of directors, said yesterday.

Inquiries are in hand, Whitsett said, from areas totaling 400,000 acres.

"The Colorado River Aqueduct is not an irrigation project," Whitsett said, "and its water is too precious for the higher uses—domestic and industrial—to be diverted to ordinary agricultural uses."

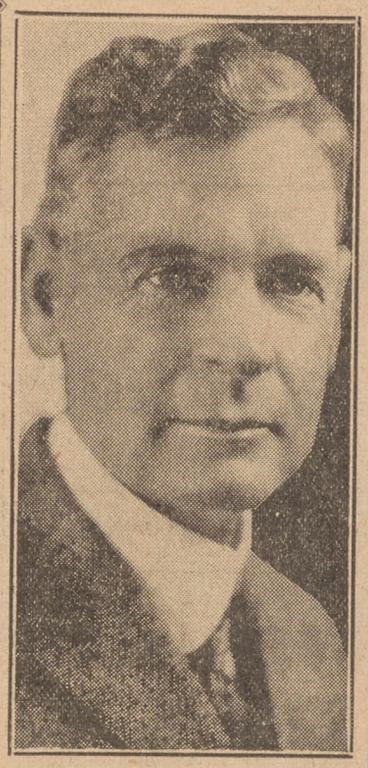
GROWING INTEREST

This statement was made in connection with a growing interest of people living in areas adjacent to the thirteen city members and inquiries from them, with some formal applications for admission to the district.

Whitsett explained that it is the desire of the district board to admit to membership areas urgently in need of more water, but they must meet one of three requirements:

1. They must now be urban.
2. Or they must be areas certain from favorable location quickly to become urban.
3. Or they must be devoted to high type agricultural production, such as citrus growing, and sure ultimately to become urban.

No water ever will be sold to areas outside the district. During the construction period laterals will be built to member cities.



W. P. WHITSETT
Water District Chairman

Areas from which inquiries have come include the following:

Citrus belt adjacent to Pomona, Upland and Ontario.

District of 50,000 acres south of Pomona in the Puente Valley, the people of which are in process of forming a water district in order to apply for membership.

Ventura County territory, including the Simi Valley.

Orange County coastal area, including Laguna Beach and San Clemente.

Inglewood and other incorporated cities west of Los Angeles.

W. P. WHITSETT

LOS ANGELES TIMES MARCH 3, 1938

IT ISN'T SO!

VAN NUYS, March 2.—William P. Whitsett, president of the Metropolitan Water District, indignantly denied here today, when reached by a reporter in a rowboat, that work is to be halted on the Colorado River Aqueduct. Mr. Whitsett, climbing to the tower of the Branch City Hall here after dodging a floating henhouse on the main street cried dramatically, "Water is what Southern California must have" . . .

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times September 25, 1938

Electricity Uses Sought

Glendale Engineer's Research Discloses Changes in Matter

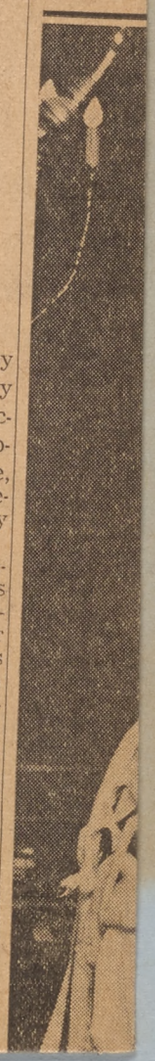
BY WILLIAM S. BARTON

Victory in war may be won by research of the sort conducted by Francis E. Wilkinson, an electrical engineer, in his back-yard laboratory, 1140 Stanley avenue, Glendale. Better still, such research may eradicate the very roots of war!

So it isn't strange that representatives from other countries have visited this little garage laboratory in recent months. For Wilkinson discloses that he is able to transform the nature of a variety of substances with high-frequency electricity. Treating a substance with one frequency is said to give one product, and use of a different frequency other products.

REPORTS SUCCESS

After five years of effort the experimenter reports initial success in manufacturing crude alcohol out of waste natural gas and water. And his results indicate this alcohol can be converted into a superior motor fuel by adding other waste substances to in-



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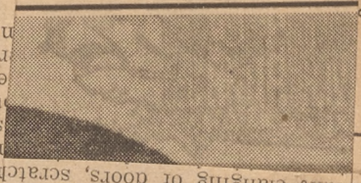

Milling of the throngs in the county bastille which rivals Sing Sing in population, incessant clanging of doors, scratch-

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MISSION PLAY WORK

Influential today in politic circles, Mrs. Grady is happily r membered by thousands of Cal fornians for her work in M Groarty's Mission Play, whic

Into the old Mission Pla Church, dear to his heart b cause of its association with th romantic past, yesterday wa taken the body of former Sta Senator Reginaldo Francisco De Valle, who, at the age of 84 years died last Wednesday.

Last Tribute Paid to Civic Leader of Early Los Angeles

Notables Attend Del Valle Rites

AKE-KILLER ANOTHER TRIAL

K FINLEY

man," he said. "For a time I was despondent and began to age considerably. Then one day I found religion.

"Wise guys and smart-cracking people scoff when I read the Bible to make my life more pleasant here in the jail. Curious people write letters to me and my cell mate, Arthur Emil Hansen, to ask why I have adopted the philosophy of the Christian religion.

LOGICAL SOLUTION

"Persons of intelligence know it is the only logical solution to the problems of a man confined for long periods in this gray, dull place. I am sincere in this religion because I know that salvation is the one thing that satisfies the soul of man . . . regardless of the merits or demerits of my case."

PIONEERS PRESENT

Following the cross, candl bearers and priests, and pree ing the casket, came scores pioneers, many of whom ha known Del Valle for more tha half a century. They include Messrs. John G. Mott, John T Wilson, Frank G. Finlayso Fred Potter, Nick Queirol Louis S. Nordlinger, John Avil A. A. Arguello, Frank Cochrar Angel Yorba, Marshall Stimson John Bodkin, LeConte Davi Isidore Dockweiler, N. River I. F. Sanchez, "Billie" Cline an many others.

Behind the casket, in tears fo the father who, to her, neve had been old, because of his j vial manners and the heart youth which he never lost, cam Mrs. Lucretia Louise Del Val Grady and her husband, Henr F. Grady.

Kippur memorial service. Left to right, Esia Bruskoff, Michael Levit, Michel Hellman and Abraham Davidson.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times September 25, 1938

Los Angeles Times ★ SEPTEM

CHURCH FILLED FOR EARLY DAY CIVIC LEADER'S FUNERAL

In the presence of scores of friends, many of whom had known him more than half a century, services for former Senator Reinaldo Francisco del Valle were conducted yesterday in historic Plaza Church. Photograph shows casket being borne into church as friends line sidewalk.

Times photo

FINAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR EX-SENATOR DEL VALLE

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her father loved. Following Mr. and Mrs. Grady came many Sisters of the church and scores of elderly men and women who loved Del Valle not because he was a political figure, but because he was a gentleman, warm-hearted, kindly, a never-failing friend.

REQUIEM MASS

Following requiem mass, sung by Rev. Joseph J. Truxaw of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and a sermon by Rev. Joseph Thompson, O.M.F., of St. Joseph's Church, who paid tribute to Del Valle as "a great civic leader, a loyal citizen and a true member of the church," the funeral cortege wended its way to Calvary Cemetery for commital services.

CHURCH FILLED

The historic old church was filled to its seating capacity, the majority of the attendants men and women approaching the sunset of life.

Covered with the Southland blossoms that he loved, the casket containing the form of Del Valle was conveyed down the aisle by William A. Page, David H. Schumacher, William R. Blaha, Joseph W. Fonte, Howard E. Earl and William J. Gardiner, all officers of Ramona Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Honorary pallbearers included Joseph Mesmer, Henry W. O'Melveny, Harry Chandler, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., George E. Cryer, Joseph Scott, Marco Hellman and Cave Couts.

Born in an old adobe house on the Plaza, December 15, 1854, Del Valle grew up in the little pueblo which he lived to see become the metropolis of the West, and to the progress of which he richly contributed.

IN LEGISLATURE

He was graduated from Santa Clara College in 1873 and admitted to the bar in 1877. He became a member of the Legislature at the age of 25 years and was largely responsible for Los Angeles obtaining the State Normal School. In 1882 he was elected to the State Senate, and served for awhile as its president.

For thirty years Del Valle was a member of Democratic State conventions and was a presidential elector in both of Woodrow Wilson's campaigns.

For thirteen years he was a member of the Public Service Commission, later known as the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Although he retired from active service in 1929, he continued to be, until his death, a vital influence in the civic and cultural life of Southern California.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES February 5, 1939

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WHITSETT'S CAREER

The presentation to Whitsett recalled that he has been a resident of Southern California since 1904 and his subsequent extensive operations as a real estate developer. In 1911 he bought a half interest in the townsite of Van Nuys, then a grain field, and has taken a leading part in the development of that community. Other efforts on his part also have contributed to the development of San Fernando Valley.

Since coming to Southern California he has been continuously active in the solution of the problem of an adequate water supply. From 1924 to 1930 he was a commissioner of the Department of Water and Power and, among other things, aided largely in the solution of the land settlement question in the Owens Valley.

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In his farewell address as head of the board, Norton outlined the achievements in the last year, emphasizing a gain in membership of 164. He lauded the efforts of the F.H.A. here in furthering home-building activity and referred to the solution of problems by the H.O.L.C. while officers of the realty organizations came in for generous praise.

Discussing the forward view, Miller stressed the importance of equitable taxation of real estate, directed attention to the selection of Los Angeles as the 1939 convention city for the national association and analyzed other details having to do with realty prosperity.

"There is today," he pointed out, "a strong and growing demand for moderately priced homes and with any sustained business recovery the movement will gain added momentum and spread to the higher brackets. Choice residential lots are still available within a wide range of prices designed to meet the requirements of every purse."

SAFE INVESTMENT

He declared that "there are good grounds upon which to predicate the belief that any movement in real estate will be toward higher levels which would be greatly advanced were the inflationary forces of credit or currency ever in the background to be brought to the fore. It still holds true that wisely selected and properly improved real estate always has been and is now the safest form of investment."

NEW ERA RISE SEEN

Analyzing European conditions and trends, Prof. Polyzoides declared:

"Our eastern American seaboard offers the best evidence of the European decline in the same way that over a generation ago our Atlantic Coast was giving us the reflection of a rich, busy, powerful, leading and dominant Europe. That era is practically over and the Pacific era is rapidly coming into its own as all the evidence amply shows."

In conclusion he stated: "What we need now is to further develop a still greater consciousness of the world character of our metropolitan city. We have all the elements in our favor and our harbor alone stands as a lasting monument to that western spirit of determination which is ours.

"This is certainly going to be the world city of the future, the center of one thousand million human beings, active, moving, progressing and building their new prosperity and their new civilization. Let us lay the foundations of this work, let us think big, act big and spend big, and the new Pacific era will be ours."

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The Los Angeles board is the second largest such organization in the nation, Chicago holding first place.

PRIOR RECIPIENTS

Previous recipients of the service watch and the years in which it was bestowed were as follows:

W. J. Clark Jr., 1921; Col. William May Garland, 1922; Harry Chandler, 1923; Harry Haldeman, 1924; I. Hayes Rice, 1925; R. W. Pridham, 1926; Arthur S. Bent, 1927; James R. Martin, 1928; George L. Eastman, 1929; John A. H. Kerr, 1930; Joseph Scott, 1931; Tom Liddecoat, 1932; Addison B. Day, 1933; John Coffin, 1934; Will Rogers, 1935; Harvey S. Mudd, 1936; George W. Dryer, 1937; Byron C. Hanna, 1938.

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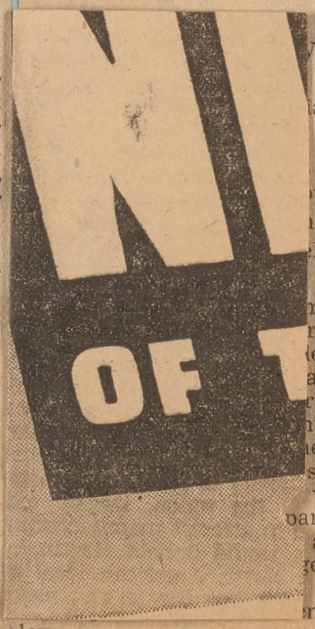

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In his farewell address as head of the board, Norton outlined the achievements in the last year, emphasizing a gain in membership of 164. He lauded the efforts of the F.H.A. here in furthering home-building activity and referred to the solution of problems by the H.O.L.C. while officers of the realty organizations came in for generous praise.

Discussing the forward view, Miller stressed the importance of equitable taxation of real estate, directed attention to the selection of Los Angeles as the 1939 convention city for the national association and analyzed other details having to do with realty prosperity.

"There is today," he pointed out, "a strong and growing demand for moderately priced homes and with any sustained business recovery the movement will gain added momentum and spread to the higher brackets. Choice residential lots are still available within a wide range of prices designed to meet the requirements of every purse."

SAFE INVESTMENT

He declared that "there are good grounds upon which to predicate the belief that any movement in real estate will be toward higher levels which would be greatly advanced were the inflationary forces of credit or currency ever in the background to be brought to the fore. It still holds true that wisely selected and properly improved real estate always has been and is now the safest form of investment."

NEW ERA RISE SEEN

Analyzing European conditions and trends, Prof. Polyzoides declared:

"Our eastern American seaboard offers the best evidence of the European decline in the same way that over a generation ago our Atlantic Coast was giving us the reflection of a rich, busy, powerful, leading and dominant Europe. That era is practically over and the Pacific era is rapidly coming into its own as all the evidence amply shows."

In conclusion he stated: "What we need now is to further develop a still greater consciousness of the world character of our metropolitan city. We have all the elements in our favor and our harbor alone stands as a lasting monument to that western spirit of determination which is ours.

"This is certainly going to be the world city of the future, the center of one thousand million human beings, active, moving, progressing and building their new prosperity and their new civilization. Let us lay the foundations of this work, let us think big, act big and spend big, and the new Pacific era will be ours."

Saturday December 12 -
Los Angeles Times

COLLECTING $1000 'TICKETS'—While Sergt. Bill Kennedy stands guard, Kay Ann Curtis smiles at W. P. Whitsett, who is buying his breakfast at Van Nuys War Bond event. J. L. Zimmerman, seated, writes out the bonds as other customers wait on stage.

Times photo

Breakfast at Van Nuys Nets $200,000 in Bonds

Guests at Victory Day Rally Pay $1000 for Meal and Buy Bullets at $50 Each

VAN NUYS, Dec. 11.—A thousand dollars per plate—and no second cup of coffee.

That's what guests paid (without batting an eyelash) at this morning's $200,000 War Bond breakfast to start off a community-wide Victory Day rally.

Receipts entitled early buyers to an average size portion of ham and eggs with toast (easy on the butter.) Blond Kay Ann Curtis, "Thousand-Dollar Bond Girl," was guest of honor.

AUCTION EQUIPMENT

Andy Devine, honorary Mayor of Van Nuys, auctioned off a soldier's suit, piece by piece, and by the time he had Sergt. Bill Kennedy completely equipped, including gas mask, he had raised an additional $75,000. Louise Fazenda, film star, finally "bid in" the serviceman, outfit and all, for $1000 which she paid in bonds.

Guests bid $50 apiece for bullet shells and then accumulated another $15,000 to help "pass the ammunition." J. H. Wray and his war securities staff—Walter Mendenhall, Arthur Meacham, J. L. Zimmerman, Luther Welch, Victor Obegi and Bob Ringstrom—distributed the Bonds.

HELPINGS TO VICTORY—Kay Ann Curtis, the "Thousand-Dollar Bond Girl," passes ham and eggs to Andy Devine, honorary Mayor of Van Nuys, left, and J. H. Wray, community war savings staff chairman.

Times photo

HUGE CHECK SIGNED

The "biggest check" was presented by Dr. C. B. Canby, pioneer. It was a 2x4 plyboard facsimile of the real thing and the breakfasters indorsed it for a souvenir of the occasion.

Albert Scott, head of the Los Angeles County War Savings Staff, addressed the rally.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times February 7, 1939

Deserved Awards

Selection of W. P. Whitsett, directorate chairman, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as recipient of the Los Angeles Realty Board's annual award for the year's most valuable service by an individual to the community was a fitting one. No other man in Los Angeles, it is certain, has given more unselfishly of his time and energy to a project of general public concern than has the man who is directing the construction of the now almost completed Colorado River Aqueduct and distributing system. The past year was for Mr. Whitsett one of constant effort to round out provisions for the new Southland era to be ushered in by the delivery of water from the giant conduit next summer. Thanks to him, more than to any other, there has been, and will be, no hitch in the vital program.

Deserved also was the token the realty men bestowed upon G. D. Robertson for beneficial achievement in the real estate field during 1938. Mr. Robertson, besides having been one of the more active developers in a slack time, has for years served in executive capacities in national, State and local realty organizations.

W. P. WHITSETT

LOS ANGELES TIMES February 20, 1939

SOLITUDE OF EARLY VALLEY DAYS RECALLED

Alonzo D. Hitchcock, Van Nuys, tells Betty Noyes, center, and Frances Kenaly of time when there were only six houses in 200 square miles in San Fernando Valley.

Times photo

VAN NUYS BIRTHDAY PLANS STIR MEMORIES OF PAST

VAN NUYS, Feb. 19.—Roads were paved with straw and travelers along them rare in 1905, six years before the founding of this townsite. Winds that blew over the Santa Monica range were sage-scented. They came down to the valley to mingle with the pungent aroma of green barley and damp earth. There were only six houses in 200 square miles.

These are memories of Alonzo D. Hitchcock, pioneer attorney here, as he prepares to participate in the celebration Wednesday of the community's 28th birthday anniversary. He came here as a lad from Los Angeles seeking summer solitude. And he found it, trudging the banks of a small green river that writhed through fields and pastures. There were cows grazing and an occasional bird. That was all.

CALIFORNIA HOSPITALITY

When he came to ranches the youth found typical California hospitality, toned by the ringing of old iron dinner gongs, the chant of Chinese cooks and always bounteous provender.

The Home Ranch, operated by the Los Angeles Farming & Milling Co., and adjacent ranchos stretched for 60,000 acres westward from what is now Whitsett Ave. to Calabasas and north and south to the hills. One of the original ranch houses still stands on Hatteras St. here.

WHEN ROAD BURNED

"We seldom saw traffic on the roads other than farm teams," Hitchcock reminisced. "Sandy stretches had to be strawed each year. Once a careless smoker dropped a match and soon the whole roadbed was ablaze."

Mr. Hitchcock will join other pioneers and residents at the anniversary celebration in the Woman's clubhouse. The program will mark 28 years of growth which has transformed wheat and barley fields into a populous community of 22,000; a handful of houses and one store in 1911 to the present shopping center of 200 square miles of territory.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times March 5, 1939

Realtors Hosts to Water Board

Aqueduct Construction to Be Theme of Whitsett Address

A record attendance is indicated for the Los Angeles Realty Board's first luncheon meeting of the new year next Thursday in the Cocoanut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel. Members of the board, their sales force, and guests will be present.

Features of the meeting at which President B. O. Miller will preside, will be an address by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District and showing of the district's new talking motion picture, "The Thirteen Golden Cities."

Whitsett has been head of the governing board since the district's establishment in 1928.

Also listed as guests of the Realty Board are the other Los Angeles directors of the Metropolitan Water District Board including John R. Richards, D. W. Pontius, Victor H. Rossetti, Otto Emme, Perry H. Greer and Louis S. Nordlinger; General Manager and Chief Engineer F. E. Weymouth, George Le Baron, right-of-way and claims agent, and Don J. Kinsey, assistant to the general manager.

The district motion picture portrays the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct now more than 90 per cent completed, and shows how the aqueduct water will be delivered to Los Angeles and the other 12 Southern California cities which comprise the Metropolitan Water District.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times March 10, 1939

Colorado Aqueduct Advantages Shown

The magnitude and importance of the Colorado River Aqueduct was emphasized at the year's first luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles Realty Board in the Fiesta Room of the Ambassador yesterday.

The showing of the motion-picture story, "The Thirteen Golden Cities," was preceded with an address by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District, in which he outlined Southern California progress. Other members of the water board attended.

B. O. Miller, president of the realty board, presided.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times March 13, 1940

Tourist Imported Wealth Amounts to $193,834,763

All-Year Club Annual Report Shows Reasons for Southland's Strong Economic Position

Tourists brought $193,834,763 of "imported wealth" into Southern California last year and this is one reason why the Southland's economic position is one of the strongest in the country, President James R. Page of the All-Year Club declared yesterday in his annual report.

Page's report was delivered at the annual meeting of the official Southland tourist organization at which he was re-elected president for his fourth term. P. G. Winnett and Porter Bruck were re-elected first and second vice-presidents and Willard Keith was elected treasurer succeeding Donald O'Melveny. Don Thomas, managing director, was re-elected secretary.

The following new directors were elected: Y. Frank Freeman, J. A. Hartley, Homer Merchant, Paul Helms and Harold W. Tuttle. In addition, members named to the management committee included F. N. Rush, Ray E. Nimmo, Neil Petree and A. L. Weil.

ECONOMICS ANALYZED

Page analyzed the Southland's economic foundation and declared, "Southern California's basic economic position is one of the strongest in the nation." Factors reflecting this status, as disclosed by Los Angeles city statistics, typical of the entire area, he said, are:

1.—Los Angeles is America's fifth largest city in population;

2.—But it is America's first city in per capita automobile ownership;

3.—It is second highest in residential building;

4.—But is second lowest in per cent of tax delinquencies among cities of 500,000 or more;

5.—Los Angeles County has 11.7 per cent fewer persons on relief than the national average;

6.—Los Angeles' per capita spendable income is 66.6 per cent above the national average.

SELL CLIMATE

"The reason," Page explained, "is importing new wealth through sales outside this area of oil, climate (to tourists,) movies, airplanes and citrus—and in that order."

Last year, he said, a total of 1,703,167 visitors came to Southern California and "poured $193,834,763 into the pockets of local residents who in turn spent it in our local trade channels." Of this, he said, $19,725,908 went into general city, county, gasoline and sales taxes."

California won last year's "battle of the fairs" with New York, Managing Director Thomas reported to the board.

An authoritative forecast said the New York Fair would draw 40 per cent of its attendance from outside its local eastern area and would heavily outdraw the San Francisco Exposition. Actually New York had to rely upon the eastern neighbors for all but 20 per cent of its attendance and it outdrew San Francisco only 2 to 1, despite an 8-to-1 advantage in near-by population, Thomas said.

NEW YORK OUTDONE

In order to outsell the appeal of New York's show and give Americans an added reason for coming west instead of going east, the All-Year Club conducted the largest of the national advertising campaigns featuring the San Francisco fair. The country was urged to combine the fair with an "air-cooled Southern California vacation."

Thomas said the All-Year Club's advertising campaign this year will make an active bid for the trade of the thousands of Americans who can't go to Europe because of the war, featuring "a handy way to globe-trot"—a vacation in Southern California.

Timed to attract the summer voyager, who greatly outnumbers the winter world traveler, the ads will point out that within a few hours' drive of the studios the Hollywood movies find locations for filming scenery of Alaska, the Holy Land, Russia, the Black Forest, rural England, the Riviera, Holland, the Alps, Japan, the Dead Sea and virtually every place in the world.

All-Year Club directors re-elected included:

Paul S. Armstrong, Dr. Frank F. Barham, Harry J. Bauer, J. E. Benton, E. S. Bernard, Manchester Boddy, Walter J. Braunschweiger, Coy Burnett, Most Reverend J. J. Cantwell, D.D., Earl R. Carpenter, Richard A. Carrington Jr., Harry Chandler, Ralph J. Chandler, Woodworth Clum, W. H. Daum, Donald Douglas, James B. Duffy, Edward Elliott, Dr. A. H. Giannini, Don E. Gilman, Stephen M. Griffith, Robert Gross, R. A. Heffner, George Hanson, Preston Hotchkis, H. D. Ivey, Harold Janss, William S. Kellogg and A. V. Kipp.

A. B. Macbeth, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Tom May, J. E. Mayl, Col. Samuel G. McClure, Malcolm McNaghten, P. G. B. Morriss, Harvey S. Mudd, Ray E. Nimmo, Philip H. Patchin, Joseph D. Paxton, J. W. Pearce, W. F. Prisk, A. T. Richardson, Stephen W. Royce, George Schindhelm, J. Walter Schneider, Charles P. Skouras, Harry H. Slaugh, Rt. Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens, Dr. Charles H. Strub, Reese Taylor, D. W. Thornburgh, Theodore J. Van de Kamp, J. B. Van Nuys, Clark F. Waite, Jack L. Warner, Franklin S. Wade, W. P. Whitsett, R. J. Wilkins and G. G. Young.

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NEW TREASURER WELCOMED TO OFFICE IN ALL-YEAR CLUB

ELECTION—Left to right are P. G. Winnett, first vice-president of All-Year Club; Willard Keith, the new treasurer; Porter Bruck, second vice-president, and James R. Page, president, re-elected for fourth time. Times photo

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times March 20, 1939

Mayor Finishes Aqueduct Tour

Bowron Back Home After Inspection of 392-Mile System

Mayor Bowron returned yesterday from his first official tour of the 392-mile Metropolitan Water District aqueduct.

Guest of Chairman W. P. Whitsett and Director Victor H. Rossetti, the Mayor left Friday and visited tunnel, conduit, pumping plant and reservoir sections of the water supply system, which extends from the Colorado River to the 13 Southland cities comprising the water district. The tour included a trip to Hoover Dam and Lake Mead.

Now more than 90 per cent completed, the aqueduct will start filling its terminal storage basin, the Cajalco Reservoir, late this year.

Two of the pumping plants, the Intake and Gene stations, are in operation, and the two first reservoirs of the system, Gene Basin and Copper Basin, have been filled.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times April 11, 1939

Valley Boys to Tour River Aqueduct Line

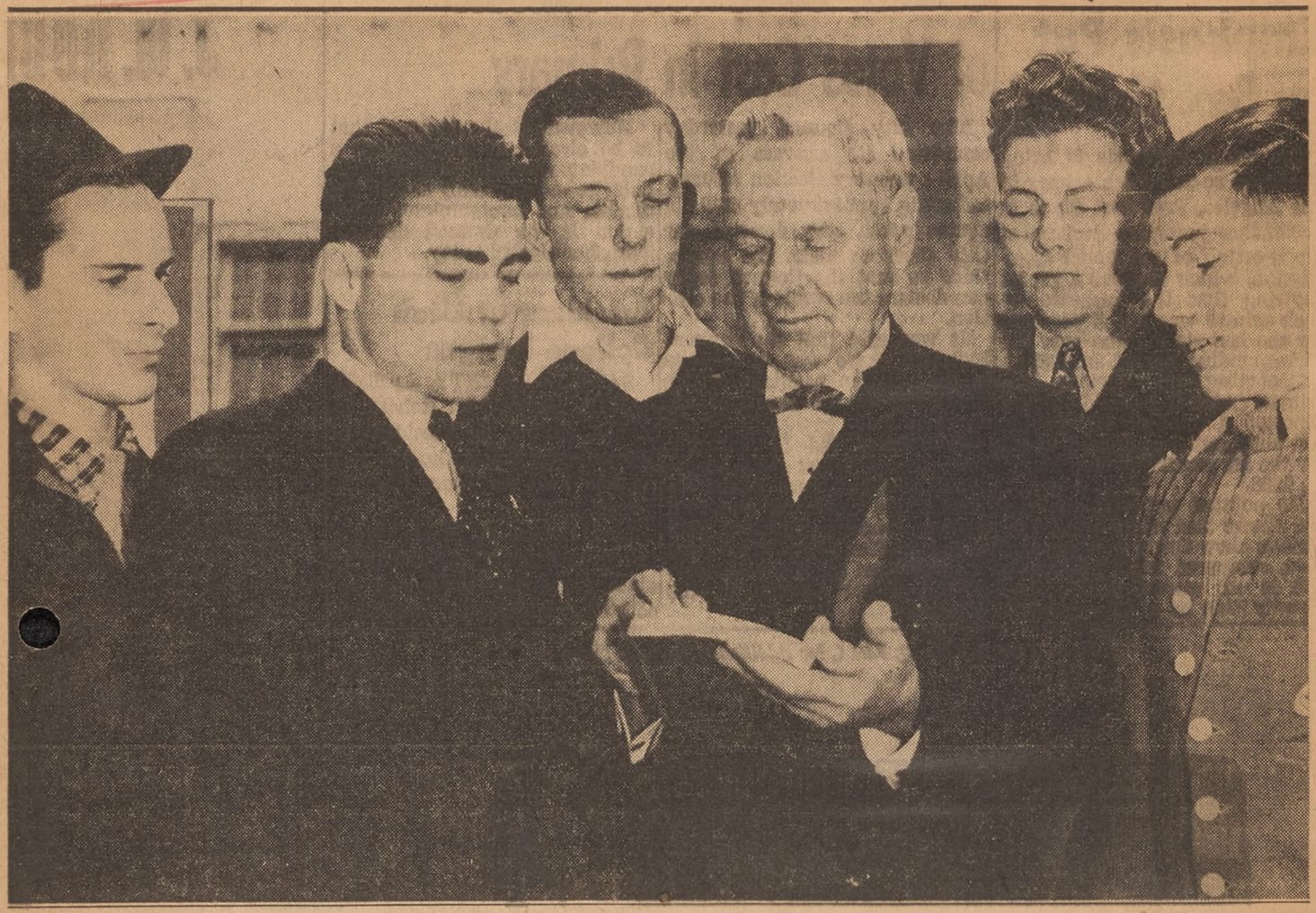
VAN NUYS, April 10.—Boys who may be tomorrow's engineers will have an opportunity to inspect California's major engineering project tomorrow when a selected group of valley high school students will make a field tour of the Colorado River Aqueduct.

The tour will be personally conducted by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District. The caravan will tour the aqueduct line to Parker Dam, covering approximately 700 miles.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times April 12, 1939

WHITSETT ESCORTS VALLEY BOYS ON TOUR OF AQUEDUCT



W. P. Whitsett, chairman of Metropolitan Water District, outlines history of Colorado River Aqueduct program for five valley students before starting tour of project with them. Left to right are Irvin Olswanger, Bill Cornitius, Bob Limberg, Whitsett, Jack Gibson and Dick Girvin. Tour of inspection will cover 700 miles. George Bergstrom photo

Students Start on Long Trek

Five in Party Making 700-Mile Jaunt to Colorado River

VAN NUYS, April 11.—Youth put aside schoolbooks here today to focus attention upon its heritage.

Five boys, representing about 6000 valley high school students, departed on a 700-mile pilgrimage to inspect California's $220,000,000 Colorado River aqueduct project. The experimental tour was arranged by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District board of directors.

PROJECT FOR YOUTH

"We're really building this aqueduct for the younger generation, so why not let them know something about it?" Whitsett declared. Other tours will be arranged if this one proves successful.

Their route from Los Angeles to Parker Dam and return is mapped across a desert terrain along the construction lines of the aqueduct which is about 75 per cent complete, Whitsett explained. They will inspect tunnels, canals, pumping plants, power lines, conduits and other phases of construction.

THOSE IN PARTY

Each boy carries with him a copy of the Metropolitan Water District's history handbook.

The party is composed of Bill Cornitius, Van Nuys; Irvin Olswanger, Verdugo; Bob Limberg, North Hollywood; Jack Gibson, San Fernando, and Dick Girvin, Canoga Park.

W. P. WHITSETT

DAILY NEWS APRIL 24, 1939

VIEWS OF THE *News*

By MANCHESTER BODDY

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

IF any other nation at any time (particularly the present) had achieved an engineering feat comparable to the harnessing of the great Colorado river it would be hailed as the end product of human ingenuity and energy; as an outstanding example of perfect social, political and economic organization. *And rightly so.*

As everyone knows, the project is divided into two major divisions, the first Boulder (or Hoover, as you like) dam, intended primarily to store water and create facilities for the development of power; second, the Colorado river aqueduct, the project of the metropolitan water district of Southern California. *This latter project is the largest domestic water supply system on earth,* and is now being completed for the purpose of providing an abundant and everlasting water supply for Los Angeles and 12 other nearby cities which comprise the district.

This project involved the construction of Parker dam on the Colorado river, a dam which has its concrete foundation 247 feet below the old bed of the river and is known by engineers as *"the deepest dam in the world."* The gigantic aqueduct system is 392 miles long. It includes 108 miles of hard rock tunnels, 16 feet in diameter, large enough to serve as a passageway for a modern locomotive; 63 miles of concrete lined canals, 55 miles of covered concrete conduits, 144 inverted siphons, totaling 29 miles in length; 134 miles of huge pipelines, five pumping plants that will raise aqueduct water 1617 feet over intervening mountain barriers, a 237 mile long high voltage transmission system which will transmit electric energy from Boulder dam to the five pumping plants, and five reservoirs capable of storing about 88 billion gallons of water.

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CONSTRUCTION work on the aqueduct was started in December 1932 and it is scheduled to be ready to deliver water onto the coastal plain of Southern California in October of this year. It has been financed by a $220,000,000 bond issue voted by a five to one majority by the citizens of the 13 district cities. In this connection it is most refreshing to learn that the aqueduct, now more than 95 per cent completed, will be constructed at a cost of approximately $20,000,000 less than the original estimate.

A billion gallons of water a day can be delivered to the cities of the metropolitan water district by this man's greatest domestic water supply system. That is a quantity of water about four times greater than the amount which can be delivered by the old Los Angeles-Owens river aqueduct. It is enough to forever support and insure the present development of the 13 district cities and to provide for uninterrupted growth into the distant future.

There have been more than 35,000 men directly engaged in the construction of the metropolitan water district aqueduct. In the employment of these men, either directly by the district or by aqueduct contractors, the officers of the district imposed strict residence requirements and practically all of the men employed on the aqueduct were residents of the 13 district cities.

Among these men were thousands of hard rock miners, most of whom were trained and developed on the job and turned out to be the most efficient hard rock miners ever to engage in tunnel construction work. Practically every established tunnel progress record was broken on the Colorado river aqueduct job. The men were uniformly fed good wholesome food and were housed in comfortable air conditioned dormitories, another drastic improvement over old construction methods.

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UNDER the direction of a safety engineer and his assistant, the district rigorously enforced every modern safety measure and device. Regular safety classes were conducted among the workmen. The result was that the frequency of accidents, fatal and otherwise, was far lower on the aqueduct job than on any other similar western project. That program resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers but, more important, it meant the protection of life and limb to the thousands of human beings employed on the big job.

A fact that I have noted on all of my visits to the project is that every foreman, straw boss—even the workmen—have referred to what "we" did. In other words, they regard the project as something of their very own creation.

Ordinarily a great project, like a prophet, is seldom honored in its own home, but the metropolitan water district aqueduct seems to be an exception to this old rule. It is quite evident that the thousands of district residents who have visited this water project during the years of construction are tremendously proud of the huge undertaking. This bold and successful engineering achievement of Southern California cities has won the attention and approval of the engineering world. Frank E. Weymouth, the brilliant and distinguished engineer who is the general manager and chief engineer of the district, last year was elected an honorary member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, an honor that has been accorded to only 25 living engineers. W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the district's board of directors, was this year selected by the Los Angeles Realty board as Los Angeles' most useful citizen. From distant lands — Australia, South Africa, Japan, Germany, England and the Scandinavian countries—have come scores of engineering authorities to study on the ground plans and construction methods employed in building the 392 mile domestic water supply system.

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MANY of the men who built the aqueduct have been associated with the project since its inception more than 15 years ago. Into the vast engineering and construction organization that planned and has nearly completed the aqueduct have come thousands of young men. To many of these men there has been given the opportunity to carve out a life career. The district consistently has pursued the policy of encouraging its young men to seek and secure promotion.

Stubbornly the district has refused to submit to the pleas of those politicians who seek to find easy berths for relatives and political friends. Experience, character and ability have been the merit standards by which the employment applicant has been measured. The high quality of service given by the district's employes is the best indication of the results that have thus been obtained.

Eventually every adult and every child in Southern California should be familiar with the Boulder dam and the great aqueduct of the metropolitan water district.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times July 16, 1939

World of Tomorrow Seen in Southern California

Bright Future Held Certain for Southland

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TOUR OF COUNTRY

He toured the country several weeks ago, from here to Florida, on north through New England, stopping off at the Fair, back through Chicago, where many years ago as an Ohio coal operator he sold coal in carload lots; then back across the country to San Francisco and the Golden Gate Exposition — thence home.

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Of all the metropolitan areas in this country, Los Angeles is best designed to meet the requirements of that fabulous "world of tomorrow" so ably and glamorously pictured at our world's fairs, he concluded.

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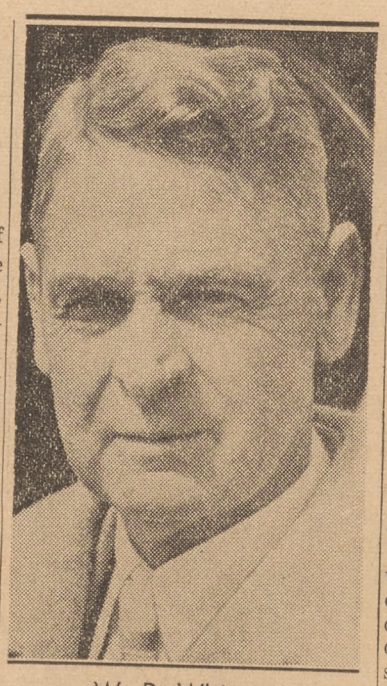

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Not in the spirit of the local booster, he protests, he concluded that it was always good to come home from a trip, but added that he was "convinced that the most fortunate man in America is the man who comes home to Southern California."

Whitsett and his board of directors, engineers, legal, field and office staffs have been at it day and night for going on to five years, building the great Colorado River Aqueduct at a cost of $220,000,000.

BEGIN IN FALL

Along about next fall it is expected the first of the water from the Colorado will be flowing across the desert, through tunnels and over washes and into the big Cajalco Reservoir. There will be a great supply of water to dispose of.

And so, as Whitsett went about the country, he interpreted what he saw in terms of its application to the great potentialities in an enormous new water supply upon which to build in Southern California a "world of tomorrow."

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This is the era of decentralization.

FULL LIFE POSSIBLE

"The youth of today," he said, "knows it is possible to have a modern bungalow with a garden acre where life can be lived fully and richly with moderate means, and he knows he does not have to endure the confirement of the city to enjoy the advantages his grandfather sought there. Modern devices have given the suburban and even the rural home light, automatic heat and all the electrical gadgets which a few years ago made the apartment so desirable. The radio has abolished that loneliness and isolation once the bugaboo of the country. The automobile has given the country boy that sense of freedom and speed he once sought in the city.

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Daily News July 25, 1939

Voice of the People

WILL SOME FELLOW BRING AMAZON?

The Editor, Sir: Mr. Mulholland brought us the Owens. Mr. Whitsett is bringing us the Colorado. Now who will really go to bat for us and bring Southern California the Amazon? We will need it yet. R. E. P.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times January 27, 1940

Realty Board Honors Two

Leo Carrillo and Retiring President Given Awards at Installation Banquet

BY CHARLES C. COHAN

Leo Carrillo, motion-picture actor, and B. O. Miller, prominent real estate man, were the recipients of distinguished service awards bestowed last night by the Los Angeles Realty Board at its 37th annual installation banquet. About 600 members and others gathered in the Fiesta Room of the Ambassador to witness the ceremonies.

Carrillo, scion of a noted pioneer Southern California family, received the Board's yearly service watch presented to the citizen deemed to have performed the most valuable and unselfish service for the community in the preceding year.

WORKS RECOGNIZED

The award was in recognition of his promotion of community welfare and charitable work.

George H. Coffin Jr. made the presentation address.

Miller, past president of the Realty Board and prominent in the National Association of Real Estate Boards, received the William May Garland Realtor Trophy, a cup awarded to the member considered to have performed the most valuable and faithful service to the board in the past year.

G. D. Robertson made the presentation.

WATCH PRESENTED

Retiring President Miller also was given a watch in appreciation of his services as head of the board in 1939. Clem S. Glass made the presentation address.

The Los Angeles board is second largest such organization in the nation.

With Col. Harry H. Culver presiding as toastmaster, the gathering saw the following installed as the Board's officers for 1940;

Grant B. Culley, president; Fred W. Morey, first vic-president; R. J. Leaver, second vice-president; Francis I. Sanger, third vice-president; B. O. Miller, treasurer and Corlett Wagner, executive secretary.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Previous recipients of the board's service watch and the years of its bestowal were as follows;

W. A. Clark Jr., 1921; Col. William May Garland, 1922; Harry Chandler, 1923; Harry Haldeman, 1924; I. Hayes Rice, 1925; R. W. Pridham, 1926; Arthur S. Bent, 1927; James R. Martin, 1928; George L. Eastman, 1929; John A. H. Kerr, 1930; Joseph Scott, 1931; Tom Liddecoat, 1932; Addison B. Day, 1933; John Coffin, 1934; Will Rogers, 1935; Harvey S. Mudd, 1936; George W. Dryer, 1937; Byron C. Hanna, 1938; W. P. Whitsett, 1939.

ENCOURAGING TRENDS

Addresses that detailed encouraging trends of the past year, viewed 1940 with optimism and analyzed world conditions held the attention of the gathering.

Dr. Chester H. Rowell, editor and commentator, spoke on "The War and American Business."

"Entering the Forties" was the subject of President Culley's address.

CITES OBLIGATION

"We have a trust and obligation to maintain in protecting and furthering the use of this term 'realtor' and the integrity for which it stands," he said, and added:

"As in the past, we will co-operate fully with all civic organizations which are working for the welfare of Los Angeles and Southern California; with the California Real Estate Association in promoting the growth and development of the State of California and the National Association of Real Estate Boards in guarding the interests of our members and property owners in matters of national scope."

Looking to the future, the speaker said:

"Entering the '40's means the beginning of a new decade with its new horizons and opportunities. It is the year of our decennial census which undoubtedly will show Los Angeles and California with a substantial increase in population and, for the first time in our country's history, an enumeration of urban homes covering number, value, age, encumbrances and methods of amortizing liens."

He declared his belief that Los Angeles is "facing an eventful and promising year."

RECOUNTS PROGRESS

Recounting Los Angeles' progress, he pointed out that "building permits totaling 38,940 set a 15-year record in 1939 and this aspect is more important than valuation because of price fluctuations. However, last year's valuation of $74,790,441 was a nine-year peak."

President Culley also referred to the huge volume of F.H.A. business in Southern California and remarked that "it should be remembered that about 75 per cent of this business centered in Los Angeles."

He spoke of the large volume of realty transactions here and the favorable investment position of Los Angeles real estate.

DISCUSSES 1939

In discussing "Highlights of 1939," retiring President Miller detailed civic and other activities of the realty board.

"The Los Angeles Realty Board," he said, "is in favor of improving the housing accomodations of underprivileged classes and is in hearty accord with the motive back of the Federal program of slum clearance when applied to conditions where genuine slum problems exist and where old buildings are demolished to make way for new, but it is opposed to new construction on vacant lands removed from the condition which is sought to be corrected."

AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN

With regard to tax matters, he said:

"We are indebted to the California Real Estate Association for its intelligent and aggressive campaign for tax reduction and its representation of the property owner in all legislative matters affecting real property."

He declared that "obviously, the first step in the reduction of taxes should be to reduce the cost of government."

Discussing the realty situation, Miller said:

STABLE INVESTMENT

"Real estate has maintained and will continue to maintain its position as the safest and most stable form of investment. This is still a buyer's market."

H. L. Gianetti, president of the California Real Estate Association, brought greetings from the State organization.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times March 23, 1940

Water Supply Boosts Cities

Whitsett Says East Recognizes Advantage of Southland District

Los Angeles and her 12 neighboring cities which comprise the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California possess a decided advantage over almost all other American population centers because of the abundant and dependable water supply made available by the Colorado River Aqueduct, and this advantage rapidly is being recognized throughout the country, it was declared yesterday by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the water district board of directors.

Whitsett, who has returned from a two months' tour through Eastern, Middle Western and Southern States, yesterday at the meeting of the water district board of directors, reviewed the water supply problems of other sections of the country.

GENERALLY KNOWN

"Business leaders and people generally throughout America rapidly are becoming aware of the tremendous advantage possessed by the 13 cities of the Metropolitan Water District in their abundant, controlled water supply from the Colorado River," said Whitsett. "This basic advantage is noted especially because of the naturally semiarid condition of this region.

"While we of the Metropolitan Water District now are secure in a good and unfailing water supply that will support and encourage continuing growth, we find many other population centers of the country in dire straits for want of a sufficient supply of good water.

DIFFICULTIES IN EAST

"A recent report has come to my attention of the difficulties being experienced by the densely populated eastern end of Long Island in New York State in obtaining an adequate water supply. Because of the water shortage being experienced by New York City, that area can hope for no assistance from that source.

"Negotiations for the purchase of plants from private companies have been called off because the municipalities do not wish to take over a plant for which there is no adequate source of water.

"I have been told that hotels in New York City are displaying signs in their bathrooms requesting that the water be not wasted.

SITUATION VITAL

"Situations like these are to progressive growing communities in the nature of major catastrophies.

"Many other sections of the country have within the last few years come face to face with serious water shortage problems.

"On the basis of first-hand observations and studies, I find that no population center in this country can boast of a water supply better or more dependable than that now available to our people here. It is an asset being taken into account by prospective industrial investors and homeseekers in every part of the nation."

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Examiner March 23, 1940

WATER SYSTEM GETS PRAISE

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After a two-month tour of Eastern, Middle Western and Southern cities, W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District, made this report yesterday.

Many metropolitan areas in the East—including New York—are facing serious water shortages which threaten to cause losses and impede growth, he said.

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THE VAN NUYS NEWS June 13, 1940

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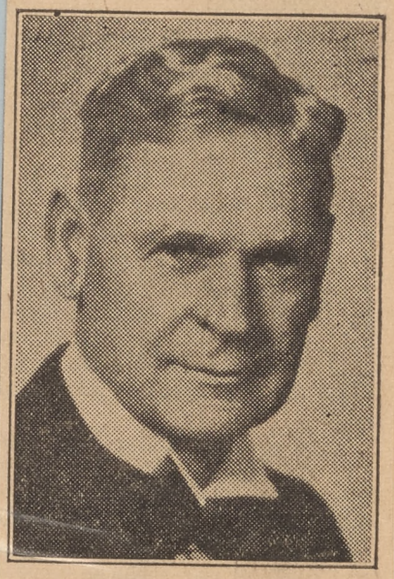

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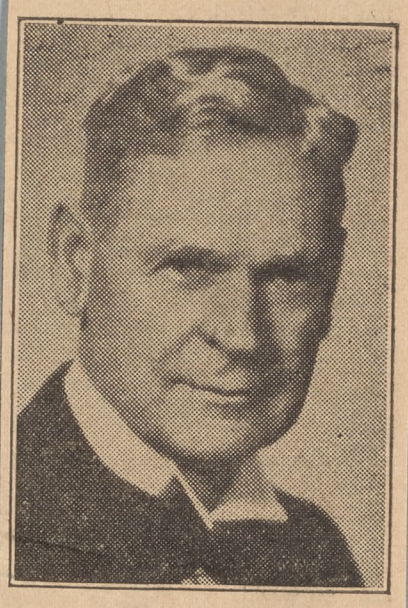

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Dinner was served in the large rear patio of the Whitsett home to a party headed by Mayor Fletcher Bowron, members of the Water and Power Commission, members of the City Planning Commission and officials of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

HOME PRODUCTION

Presiding, Mr. Whitsett stated the purpose of the gathering—that of providing small farm homes for residents of Southern California, and in line with that objective—to secure cooperation of the City in securing the most favorable conditions to promote that objective—low water rates and other inducements that encourage families to produce marketable products for home and market consumption.

His secretary, Roy V. Milner, who was active in the pioneer development of this district, gave some interesting statistics on the general progress made here, prepared by Mr. Whitsett.

"The greatest famine of all time is predicted by competent authorities, since millions of men have laid waste rich lands in the old country, and themselves are no longer engaged in agricultural production," said Mr. Whitsett. "It behooves us to read the hand writing on the wall and start food production on a Valley small farm."

COOPERATION EVIDENCED

Speakers promising cooperation were Mayor Fletcher Bowron; H. A. Van Norman, general manager Bureal of Waterworks and Supply; Leonard E. Read, general manager Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; Harry R. Bevis, president Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce; C. E. Berry, vice-president Federal Savings and Loan; S. P. Lev, president of City Planning Commission.

The program concluded with a most timely tribute to American liberty by Mrs. W. P. Whitsett.

Other present than those named, were:

Nolen Allen, Harrold English, and Charles E. Scott, members of City Planning Commission, and their wives. Mrs. Lev, wife of the Commission president.

J. B. Agnew, Commissioner of Water and Power, and Mrs. Agnew.

Capt. C. C. Bonner, secretary-manager Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Bonner.

Lee W. Miller, president West Associated Chambers of Commerce, and Mrs. Miller.

Walter Mendenhall, editor of The Van Nuys News, and Mrs. Mendenhall.

Mrs. Harry R. Bevis, Mrs. Leonard E. Read, Mrs. H. A. Van Norman, Mrs. C. E. Berry, Mrs. Katherine W. Still, and Mrs. Frank R. Whitsett.

W. P. WHITSETT

LOS ANGELES TIMES JUNE 13, 1940

City Officials Guests on Tour of Van Nuys Small Farm Area

VAN NUYS, June 12.—A tour of inspection through this community and adjacent areas and a conference, of which the principal objective was to impress Los Angeles city officials with the importance of favorable water rates as a major factor in aiding production and general suburban development, were held here this evening.

Arranged by W. P. Whitsett, founder of the community and chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, the motor party was followed by a dinner and conference at which guests included Mayor Bowron and Mrs. Bowron, members of the Water and Power and City Planning Commissions, Managing Secretary Read of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; H. A. Van Norman, manager and chief engineer of the Bureau of Water Works and Supply; Walter Mendenhall editor of the Van Nuys News, and Harry R. Bevis, president of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce.

Whitsett told the gathering of the new small-farm plan of which he is originator, and pointed out that the 12-month growing season, fertile soil and accessible markets combine to make the valley an ideal small-farm productive area. During the tour, the members viewed thriving examples of poultry, vegetable and livestock raising and the type of small farm home, of which 100 already have been erected.

W. P. WHITSETT

Daily News

DAILY NEWS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Water Board Leader Views L. A. As Ideal 'City of Tomorrow'

Los Angeles and its environs are the real "world of tomorrow," W. P. Whitsett, pioneer civic leader, said yesterday on his return from a national tour during which he visited both San Francisco's and New York city's fairs.

"One eexhibit in particular has 'stolen the show' in New York," declared Whitsett, who is chairman of the board of directors of the metropolitan water district of Southern California.

"It is that of General Motors in which one tours across the United States of 1960 . . . The City of 1960 is spread out over a large area with parks and trees, playgrounds and great amusement centers with ample parking space for cars that travel at 100 miles an hour over divided, many laned highways with no lefthand turns or grade crossings . . .

"Our own Los Angeles, spread out as it is over 450 square miles, and the contiguous cities of this great metropolitan area with more than 600,000 adjoining undeveloped acres, are made to order for the development of a highway system which will fit us perfectly into that ideal 'world of tomorrow' . . .

"It is up to us to clean up the slums we have (and they are so small compared with those in other cities of our size), convert them into parks to beautify our city and into automobile parking places which will maintain the values of our best downtown districts.

"It is up to us to work out here in Southern California our traffic problems to include not only our present cities, but to make easily and safely accessible those 600,000 acres which can be developed with the additional supply of water which the Colorado river aqueduct will soon deliver.

"With abundant water and an A-1 system of highways, we will invite the building of workingmen's homes on garden acres where production for use is practical and of gentlemen's estates where families may live as in the English countryside or on the Hudson river with easy access to the city . . .

"It is absolutely essential that we of the metropolitan area of Southern California realize that we are in a class by ourselves. No other area of like population lends itself so admirably to ultra modern development.

Looks Ahead

FUTURE of Los Angeles and Southern California yesterday was sketched by W. P. Whitsett (above), civic leader, on his return from a nationwide trip.
—Daily News photo.

W. P. WHITSETT

LOS ANGELES TIMES NOVEMBER 24, 1940

Back to the Constitution

BY W. P. WHITSETT

The recent national election for the office of President of the United States has clarified as never before the fundamentals on which the American form of constitutional democracy is predicated.

While the issues have been clarified, the question of whether this form of government can withstand the advance of totalitarianism (from within and without) remains in doubt. This is a subject of grave concern to millions of thinking Americans.

With most of the world at war, with social and economic chaos spreading like a plague, with nation after nation falling victim to military dictatorship and ruthless regimentation, these millions are asking, "What can we do now to maintain and perpetuate democracy in America?"

The preservation of democracy depends upon an enlightened and conscientious electorate. Our great system of free education has insured the enlightenment of all citizens who will avail themselves of it. Unfortunately, however, in the enjoyment of our great material prosperity we have lost that sense of moral and spiritual values which dominated the lives of those who planted the seeds of democracy on these shores. So our electorate is not always as conscientious as it is enlightened. Therefore, we see millions voting for what they consider their own personal interest and profit, regardless of consequences to the stability and soundness of the nation.

On the other hand, a high tide of unselfish patriotism was evidenced in the response of the American people to the forceful enunciation of democratic principles by Mr. Willkie in the recent campaign. This proves that we can save our system of government — provided the crusade he so ably sponsored is energetically and dynamically carried forward. While the memory of the issues of the 1940 campaign is fresh, and while the enthusiasm remains, we must inaugurate a great nonpartisan program for the preservation of those human values and spiritual ideals which have made this the greatest free nation on earth.

Since organization is essential for the promotion of any program, no time should be lost in uniting the millions of American citizens who have so recently expressed their willingness to put aside party prejudice and personal gain for the sake of preserving the American way of life.

The following suggestions are offered for the forming of such an organization immediately:

1.—NAME. Since the Constitution is our charter of democracy and since attacks upon it have threatened the fundamentals of our liberty, I believe that the interest and co-operation of all loyal Americans could be enlisted in a national, voluntary, nonprofit organization known as the Constitutional League of America.

2.—PURPOSES. (a) Dedication of the membership to the principles and traditions of the American way of life and the ideal of individual freedom under a government of laws, as provided by our Constitution.

(b) A widespread educational program in the essentials of maintaining such a government.

(c) To study pending legislation in the light of these essentials and to make a united protest against measures which threaten our constitutional guarantees.

(d) To rekindle that sense of civic responsibility upon which democratic government depends.

(e) To reawaken the spiritual forces from which spring the moral and ethical codes upon which civilization itself was builded.

3.—MEMBERSHIP. Any American citizen who is a registered voter is eligible for membership. As a nucleus, enroll all those who already and actively have manifested their interest in the purposes named.

By remaining strictly nonpartisan, enlist citizens of every race, color, creed and political party who believe in the American way.

Call upon religious leaders of every faith—Jew, Catholic and Protestant—to enlist their followers in a crusade for spiritual revival, reminding them that the conflict between totalitarianism and democracy is a fight of paganism against all religion.

Call upon educators to help preserve free education—free speech and free press—and arouse them to the menace of radical propaganda so cleverly contrived for our youth.

4.—ORGANIZATION. Create in every voting precinct in every State, under competent leadership, a unit of the Constitutional League of America.

Units should also be organized in churches, colleges and in industrial institutions.

5.—DUES. To carry on the work of this program, a nominal membership fee, small enough to allow the poorest to belong—with contributing and sustaining memberships available for persons of greater means. Or the effort might be supported by voluntary contributions only.

The zero hour has arrived. Democracy is on trial here. It is a challenge we must accept now. Wendell Willkie's campaign aroused America. Let us carry on the crusade he started by the organization of that great minority into an effective group to lead us back to constitutional government.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times January 15, 1941

Whitsett Still on Job

Metropolitan Water District Head Starts Seventh Term in Office

W. P. Whitsett, who has served as the chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California since its permanent organization in 1929, yesterday entered into his seventh two-year term as head of the governing body of the district.

Taking his oath of office following his re-election last Friday by the representatives of the 13 cities which comprise the district, he entered his 13th year as presiding officer of the water district.

SERVES WITHOUT PAY

As one of the leaders among those who advocated the development of an additional water supply for Southern California, Whitsett for many years has worked to bring about the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct, now nearing completion. Although he devotes much of his time to the affairs of the Metropolitan Water District, in common with the other members of the board of directors, he serves without pay.

"My one compensation," he said yesterday, "is the knowledge that I am doing all that I can in the vitally necessary program of bringing to the cities of the district an ample, dependable and controlled water supply."

EXPANSION SEEN

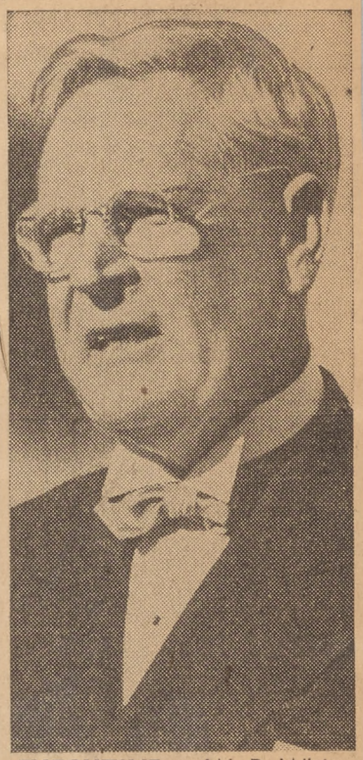
"Without such a water supply," he continued, "we face the constant menace of a devastating drouth that would destroy in a few months property values far in excess of the total cost of the Colorado River Aqueduct. With this aqueduct water supply now assured, we are going forward into an era of growth and industrial expansion greater than we have previously experienced."

Re-elected with Whitsett were Vice-Chairman Franklin Thomas and Secretary S. H. Finley, both of whom also have served continuously in their respective offices since the organization of the district. The chairman is one of the seven directors representing Los Angeles on the board. Vice-Chairman Thomas represents Pasadena and Secretary Finley is the director from Santa Ana.

NEARING COMPLETION

The Colorado River Aqueduct is now being brought to completion by the water district. Work on the water supply system has been under way since December, 1932, and it is scheduled to begin the regular delivery of water to the district cities on about July 1 of this year.

The 13 cities constituting the district are Los Angeles, Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, Fullerton, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Marino, Santa Ana, Santa Monica and Torrance.



EXECUTIVE — W. P. Whitsett begins 13th year as water district chairman.

W. P. WHITSETT

L. A. Evening Herald and Express February 8, 1941

Quick Sales Of Whitsett Manor Homes

Indicating the wide interest shown in model homes, four of five such dwellings at Whitsett Manor were sold on the day of their opening, it was reported today by Lawrence Block Co., Inc., developer of the suburban homesite property at Victory and Whitesett boulevards, North Hollywood.

The fifth home will be open for inspection this week-end and orders will be taken for duplicates of those sold, Block company officials stated.

Homes at Whitsett Manor feature low cost construction and spacious lots, two and three-bedroom homes being priced at $4000 and less.

W. P. WHITSETT

Los Angeles Times January 19, 1942

Nation Aided by Aqueduct

Protection Provided for War Industries in This Area, Whitsett Says

With its close-in reserve storage of water sufficient to meet the needs of the entire Metropolitan Water District area for five months and a delivery capacity capable of supplying constantly more than 2,000,000 persons, the giant Colorado River Aqueduct placed in operation a few months ago now is rendering vital service in providing protection for war industries and worker homes within the 13 cities of the district.

Chairman W. P. Whitsett of the district board of directors made this statement yesterday:

"Of basic and vital importance to a people at war is that every-day necessity of life — water. And in the firm possession of an abundant and dependable supply of water are the 13 cities of the Metropolitan Water District.

BENEFIT TO NATION

"These water resources are now of far more than local significance, because they constitute a condition of preparedness benefiting the entire nation. Today these 13 Southern California cities are in effect a mighty and ever expanding workshop engaged in forging indispensable fighting tools for America.

"In the summer of 1941, after almost a score of years of planning and building, the Colorado River Aqueduct was completed and placed in operation by the district. It was under construction during the years between 1932 and 1941 when its employment benefits were of the highest value to the citizens of the district cities, and when materials could be obtained at reasonable costs.

MORE COSTLY NOW

"To start planning the aqueduct now, with the hope of having it ready for use even 10 years hence, would be, practically speaking, to attempt the impossible. The men and materials are not available. And even though these essentials could be obtained, such a project now would be enormously more costly to complete.

"The cities comprising the Metropolitan Water District are Los Angeles, Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, Fullerton, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Marino, Santa Ana, Santa Monica and Torrance.

"From the standpoint of war production and defense, these 13 cities are no longer in the precarious condition of 'carrying all their eggs in one basket' so far as their water resources are concerned.

TREMENDOUS ADVANTAGE

"This is because the Colorado River Aqueduct has given them the tremendous advantage of having multiple sources of water supply. These resources include:

"1.—Local underground water basins. These basins in past years have been heavily overdrawn. That is why the aqueduct was built. And the aqueduct water supply now offers the opportunity to relieve the draft on these local underground basins and thus enable them to recapture additional reserve supplies.

"2.—The Owens River aqueduct, which serves Los Angeles exclusively. This aqueduct draws its water supply from the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, 300 miles north of the city.

"3.—The Colorado River aqueduct. With its intake on the Colorado River 300 miles to the east of Los Angeles and neighboring cities, this aqueduct has made available an abundant water supply to all district cities.

WATER IN STORAGE

"Another one of the vital advantages enjoyed by the communities of the Metropolitan Water District is that of having a vast quantity of water in storage near at hand and available for instant and continuous delivery under pressure.

"Functioning as close-in operating features of the aqueduct's distribution system are four reservoirs. Largest of these is Lake Mathews, now holding in storage 85,000 acre-feet, or 28,000,000,000 gallons of water. Next in size is Morris Reservoir, which now impounds about 30,000 acre-feet, or 10,000,000,000 gallons.

"The vital importance of these two great reservoirs is apparent when it is pointed out that together they now hold, without being replenished, sufficient water to meet all of the normal needs of the 13 cities for a period of more than five months, even though all other water supply sources in the cities were to be cut off.

GRAVITY DELIVERY

"Water stored in Lake Mathews and Morris Reservoir is delivered to the district cities by gravity and under pressure. Thus, even an interruption in power service in Southern California would not cut off this supply. The same, of course, is true of the Owens River aqueduct and the reservoirs on that supply system."

WM. P. WHITSETT

The Van Nuys News Feb. 19, 1943

Hungry World Is Dangerous World

San Fernando Valley Can Lead World in Food Production; Now Is the Vital Time to Do It

(Editor's Note—W. P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys and originator of the "Garden Acre Home" in the San Fernando Valley, relates here, at the invitation of The News "Food for Freedom" a summary of his observations on the food situation, as he gained on his recent trip to Florida and other eastern states.)

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Later we brought in the Owens River Aqueduct — and made water available under pressure to every fertile acre of land in the San Fernando Valley which had become a part of the City of Los Angeles.

W. P. WHITSETT

Then came a recurring dry period and the use of water was restricted for agricultural purposes. We t[illegible] build[illegible] wat[illegible] bu[illegible] er[illegible]

any eggs I could have had my customary breakfast of bacon and eggs, but we were out of bacon.

Refusing the cereals and swigging down some hot cakes with wet sugarless coffee—while being cautioned to go lightly on the butter as they had to stand in line to get one quarter pound—well, the only consolation is from the statements of those recently returning from London — that we are better off than they are in England, — while the planners of our destiny still talk of feeding a hungry world!

STYMIED

Now, I don't mind going without —and I never have complained of any sacrifice that I could be persuaded was necessary. But all the new philosophies lately fostered upon us to "to share the wealth" are so evidently in reality forcing us to "share poverty" that I just had to get off and try to think it out.

So I joined my wife who was with her sick mother in Florida. I've heard fish is good brain food. I know where to find the fish in the south—where to dig for worms and how to bait a hook. All deep sea fishing, and sportsmens' angling is out for the duration. One has to show a birth certificate to rent a

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That water and power program is now being used in making possible our great national defense program in Southern California and is abundantly available to protect us against recurring droughts.

VAN NUYS "CHICKENLESS"

Once a week on Board meeting days I go without lunch and like a good broiled steak for dinner. Last week my butcher informed me he had no steak or meats of any kind—not even chicken. Think of Van Nuys, capital of the poultry industry out of chickens.

The following morning for breakfast three different kinds of cereals without cream, stared me in the face and I was informed if we had any eggs I could have had my customary breakfast of bacon and eggs, but we were out of bacon.

Refusing the cereals and swigging down some hot cakes with wet sugarless coffee—while being cautioned to go lightly on the butter as they had to stand in line to get one quarter pound—well, the only consolation is from the statements of those recently returning from London—that we are better off than they are in England, — while the planners of our destiny still talk of feeding a hungry world!

STYMIED

Now, I don't mind going without—and I never have complained of any sacrifice that I could be persuaded was necessary. But all the new philosophies lately fostered upon us to "to share the wealth" are so evidently in reality forcing us to "share poverty" that I just had to get off and try to think it out.

So I joined my wife who was with her sick mother in Florida. I've heard fish is good brain food. I know where to find the fish in the south—where to dig for worms and how to bait a hook. All deep sea fishing, and sportsmens' angling is out for the duration. One has to show a birth certificate to rent a boat.

But I've got to have some kind of nourishment—especially brain food—if I'm going to figure out why good American citizens must go Without while we feed the Japs in our concentration camps on meat, eggs and butter and talk loudly about "feeding the world."

DRAFTED FROM FARMS

All the way across the country I talked with soldiers and sailors drafted from the farms—many of whom told of aged parents, wives and children moved to cities to be liabilities to society — living meagerly on what their $50.00 allowance and ration cards would buy them—while comfortable farm houses were closed up, farm stock slaughtered and fields grown up in weeds for lack of an able-bodied man to keep these potential "food-factories" and self-supporting homes operating.

Hungry World Dangerous

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ago, war gardens were planted all over the nation.

In our San Fernando Valley, we had the children raising vegetables, chickens, rabbits and pigs and besides the popularity of garden-acre homes, many of our vacant city lots were put into production. Pig clubs, 4-H Clubs, and similar organizations encouraged our youth to employ their time out of school in food production.

DOLE INSTEAD OF WORK

Then came the boom of the twenties. Boys and girls gave up their chores and the movie thrillers and juke joints filled their time. Pigs were not nice any more. Money was so plentiful that manual work was despised by youth. Then the depression from which escape was made by the dole instead of by time-tested method of hard work, practical planning and sacrifice.

Is it any wonder our cities today are infested by juvenile gangsters who—lacking contact with reality—fed on false idealogies—find themselves suddenly confronted with the most frutal of realities — a world war of unprecedented proportions. Military discipline will end the misuse of idle hours.

But what of the millions of teenage boys and girls not old enough for military service but eager to take an active part in this great struggle for human freedom?

Why not enlist them in a nationwide program for food production food which is absolutely necessary for every individual on every line of defense — at home and abroad—for our civilians on the home front and our allies in other countries.

WORLD IS HUNGRY

Let's awaken our youth to the simple facts that vegetables come from seeds planted in warm moist earth. That hogs, cows and chickens feed on vegetation grown from seeds—that hogs make bacon—cows make milk which we churn to butter and chickens lay eggs.

In these farm products are contained all the vitamins of the alphabet, with which our school children are so familiar. Let's teach them that freedom begins with the ability to be self-sustaining and that every individual who produces a surplus of any necessity after providing for his own needs is contributing to the cause of Human Freedom.

The world is hungry. It will be hungrier as the war goes on. The food producer is the man behind the men behind the gun without whom every phase of our gigantic defense of Freedom is doomed.

CAN LEAD NATION

Los Angeles city can lead the cities of the nation in garden-food production — as Los Angeles leads the counties of the Nation is agricultural production. The San Fernando Valley is the place to prove it. We have always advocated one foot in the factory and one on the garden acre. The garden-acre home has converted this Valley from a vast barley field into a flourishing surburban community. Now, the factories have come and they are here to stay.

We must re-inoculate our citizens with the garden home idea if we are to fully realize that balanced economy for every home-owner in the Valley. The factories will furnish cash; the gardens will furnish the foods cash cannot now buy—and supplement the family budget in years to come when cash is not so plentiful.

WAR GARDENS NEEDED

It seems to me we might render a real service to our National Defense Program by an active campaign to popularize War Gardens, right in our own county. We should appeal to the city water department to put a practical planting plan into every home with the water bills each month. Have practical gardening taught in the schools, tying in with our State Agricultural Department through our Chamber of Commerce.

The time to start this is NOW and I want to help. As soon as the war is over and home building material again available, our realtors and builders will put a family on every garden acre in Southern California which is provided with water for irrigation.

Tens of thousands will move from the congested defense settlements, once tires and gasoline are unrestricted.

HUNGER DANGEROUS

I have been so deeply impressed by the actual food shortage as I crossed the continent this past week, that I feel it my duty to do something about it. Famine may be inevitable in over-crowded countries. But a food shortage in this great country—where millions of acres of excellent farm land lie idle is a national disgrace. To say we are better off than our English cousins is poor comfort. We should, with proper consideration of farm man-power and the manufacturer of necessary farm machinery feed all our Allies and have plenty for home consumption.

A hungry world is a dangerous world to live in—and no amount of philosophy can substitute for bread and butter.

Swiss Chard Is Ancient Plant

Chard is one of the oldest vegetables, as it probably has been cultivated for nearly 4000 years.

It came originally from the Canary Islands, the Mediterranean region, and western temperate Asia. The ancients must have found it very delicious as a green.

W. P. WHITSETT

VAN NUYS NEWS APRIL, 1943

Men of Los Angeles Led the Way for a Greater Southland

"They Saw Tomorrow" Tells Realistically the Construction of Boulder Dam, the Aqueduct Line and Power Development

Before long the people of Van Nuys will have the opportunity of seeing a motion picture entitled, "They Saw Tomorrow," which is the story of the bringing of the Colorado River water to Los Angeles and 12 other Southland cities. Identified in that mammoth undertaking has been one of Van Nuys own citizens, Chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board, W. P. Whitsett.

Many towns joined the water district, then "seceded" because of the cost, but Los Angeles carried on with Mr. Whitsett at the head of the organization and today that water is being distributed in many sections of the city, thus relieving the strain on the Owens Valley aqueduct which supplies this section.

"They Saw Tomorrow," well describes Mayor Eton who one day said to "Bill" Mulholland, engineer, "Bill, I wish you would go up into that Owens River country and see if you can bring that water to Los Angeles."

This was 10 years before the water was needed. Engineer Mulholland made the trip, surveyed a route south and on his return stated not only could the water be brought to Los Angeles, but it could be done by a gravitation method and without a "lift" of any sort. It was a big job, but with faith in Engineer Mulholland the progressive men of Los Angeles put the go ahead sign on the project and Los Angeles built the longest transportation of water system in the history of the world. The

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'THEY SAW TOMORROW' REVEALS FORESIGHTEDNESS OF LOCAL MEN

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San Fernando Reservoirs and Chatsworth Lake store a six months' supply of that water, thus making water shortage in this section practically impossible.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

With the growth of the city the Metropolitan Water District came into being and at Patriotic Hall the the other night Mr. Whitsett presented this picture "They Saw Tomorrow" which shows not only the construction of Boulder Dam but the water and power lines.

Mr. Whitsett said in part:

"During the last week it has been my privilege to cross this great continent of ours from the Atlantic Coast of Florida to our own Pacific Coast—a distance of 3,000 miles.

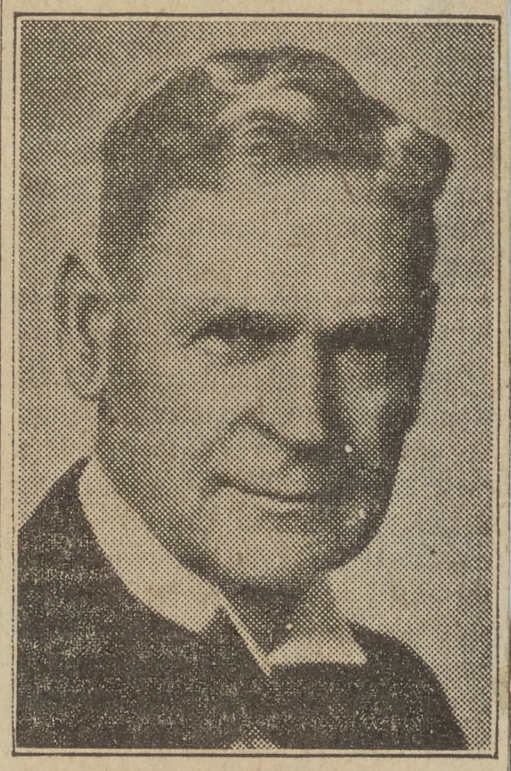
"Making this trip within four days gives one an opportunity to take a fairly comprehensive mental picture of this vast territory, noting the contrast between East and West.

"From East Florida through Louisiana, the first 1,000 miles of the journey, one sees too much water everywhere—swamps, hummocks, bayous, rivers flooding at this season from the overflow of their Northern tributaries, great fields where drainage ditches are the most important factors in farming and still greater fields where rice is grown under water.

Then Texas—another 1,000 miles which is an empire unto itself—one-third belonging to the semi-tropical Southland and two-thirds to the semi-arid Southwest. From Houston on through West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, 2,000 miles westward are mostly grazing lands, vast arid areas where cattle, sheep and goats graze and brouse, dotted here and there by cities where available water has been corraled in sufficient quantity to make modern living conditions possible.

"Only after coming through 2,000 miles of this semi-desert country can one fully appreciate the oasis which bursts into view at Redlands, the beginning of Southern California's irrigated country where water has literally transformed our naturally semi-arid lands into a Garden of Eden.

headlong into a black era of depression and economic stagnation. In the midst of these heartbreaking times, our people in the Metropolitan



W. P. WHITSETT

Water District possessed the courage and the faith to press forward with their great program of financing and building the greatest domestic water supply system in America. The people of the cities which constituted the District shared in that faith, and the political and financial leaders of the Middle West and Eastern portions of the United States were amazed when they received the news that a group of cities here in Western America had authorized a $220,000,000 bond issue by a ratio of five to one in the fall of 1931.

"We are all familiar with the recent history of the Aqueduct project. We know of the army of loyal and efficient men and women who labored for more than eight years to build the giant waterway. We know that through a combination of sound and honest administration and management, and through the efficient work of our builders, the Aqueduct was completed at a cost of some $22,000,000 less than the original estimate.

GARDEN OF EDEN

"Such a land was the original Garden of Eden—that rich valley on the Tigris and Euphrates between the vast deserts of Persia and Arabia.

"Today modern engineering has made it possible to import a water supply adequate for ten million people where Nature has provided less than enough for one million—making possible a permanent Garden of Eden on the coastal plain of Southern California.

We have come down a long trail in our crusade to bring about the orderly, economic and vitally essential development of the vast resources of the Lower Colorado River—including the construction of Boulder Dam and our own great Colorado River aqueduct. It is somewhat more than twenty years ago that a relatively small group of clear-visioned men and women in Southern California set about what then appeared to be the impossible task of awakening not only our national legislators but our own people to a realization of the imperative need of bringing to this coastal plain a share of the vast hydro-electric power and water resources of the Colorado River. It was a task that required long weary years of education and ceaseless participation in the legislative halls of our Southwest States and at our National Capitol. The first great step in this ambitious program was completed when the construction of Boulder Dam was authorized in 1928. Eight days after President Coolidge affixed his signature to the Boulder Canyon Project Act on December 21, 1928, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California officially was organized at the first meeting of its Board of Directors, which was held in the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

MULHOLLAND SURVEY

"Five years before the District was organized William Mulholland had led his engineering associates and assistants into the vast spaces of the Colorado River desert country and had set about the task of locating the best possible route for an aqueduct that would bring waters of that great river to the cities on our coastal plain.

"In 1930 our country, in common with practically every other portion of this civilized world, was plunging

"The one big fact which all America today is coming to realize is that the Colorado River Aqueduct was one of the most perfectly timed projects ever planned or wrought by the hand of man. It provided a payroll of tens of millions of dollars, and jobs for more than 38,000 men during years of unemployment. It kept the wheels of industry moving in scores of cities throughout the United States, manufacturing and handling vast quantities of materials and supplies used on the job. It trained a vast peacetime army into craftsmen of the highest order—a class of workmen vitally needed by our country as it began to enter preparations for war back in 1940.

"Finally, and most important of all, it brought to the cities of the Metropolitan Water District an abundant and dependable supply of water to support the tremendous structure of our war industries and our military establishments that have come into existence since our country went to war.

"The picture you are about to see was conceived and produced under the direction of Don Kinsey, the very efficient assistant to the General Manager, who has been steadily on the job of handling public relations since he conducted our bond campaign in 1931.

"The picture tells its own story."

GARDEN-ACRE HOMES

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CITY TO BUY LAND FOR FARM SCHOOL NEAR CANOGA PARK

The Board of Education last night voted to purchase approximately 392 acres of land near Canoga Park to conduct a farm school for high school students and technical agricultural workers.

Courses will be conducted in plant propagation, animal husbandry, food production, crop control, feed analysis, management, inspection and by-product production.

Students from every high school in the city system will be eligible to attend and classes will also be given for junior college students and adults.

GARDEN-ACRE HOMES

LOS ANGELES TIMES - DECEMBER 25, 1944

New Agriculture College Will Cost $850,000

Land and buildings for the Junior College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry of the Los Angeles Board of Education will represent an investment of more than $850,000, it was disclosed yesterday.

Purchase of the 392-acre site, a part of the 600-acre Hillview Rancho at the northeast corner of Ventura Blvd. and Winnetko Ave., two miles west of Encino, was voted by the Board of Education Thursday. The land was purchased from Regina M. Hill for a consideration in excess of $100,000, M. I. Hill, realty broker who handled the deal, announced.

Plans have been made for immediate start of the project's first unit to provide educational facilities for 2000 students. Quarters also will be provided for members of the faculty. The entire development will involve a cost of about $750,000 for buildings, it was disclosed.

Graduates of Los Angeles County high schools and adults who are owners of farms and other land in the county will be eligible for enrollment.

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Van Nuys Honor Voted to Wray

VAN NUYS, Feb. 22.—Voted the "most useful citizen" during 1944, J. H. Wray, chairman of the War Finance Committee, tonight was awarded the community achievement trophy at a banquet marking the 34th anniversary of the town's found-

J. H. Wray

ing. Wray received the trophy from Walter Mendenhall, its donor.

Wray, who served six years as a Chamber of Commerce director, one year as vice-president and chairman of special events, is a member of the Rotary Club, a past president of Santa Monica Optimists, as well as chairman of the recent War Loan drive.

Sharing honors tonight with Wray was W. P. Whitsett, founder of the townsite, and O. M. Thurber, re-elected Chamber of Commerce president.

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HUGE SUM IN IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

$13,000,000 for Development Of Valley During Year 1929

Paving of Ventura Boulevard and of South-Sherman Way-Beverly Glen Foremost Among the Projects

Highways, Sewers, Flood Control, Industries and New Homes All in Monster Plan of Phenomenal Growth

The huge sum of approximately thirteen million dollars will be spent for street and highway improvements, flood control, sewers, industries and new homes in the Valley area during the coming year in one of the most comprehensive community development programs ever undertaken in the United States.

Nearly all of the proposed projects for which this amount will be used are well underway. Plans are in the course of preparation and actual construction work is expected to commence within the next few months.

The most important of the proposed projects is the paving of Ventura boulevard from Lankershim boulevard to Sepulveda boulevard and the continuation of the improvement from Sepulveda boulevard to the west city boundary line. This improvement and the paving of South Sherman Way-Beverly Glen involves an expenditure of about $1,985,000, according to engineers estimates.

The construction of the proposed Sepulveda tunnel through the hills south of Van Nuys and the grading of the roadway will cost around $550,000.

Two New Highways

The completion of the Beverly Glen roadway and the Sepulveda boulevard tunnel will give the Valley two new highways through the Mulholland hills while the improvement of Ventura boulevard to the westerly city limits will provide one of the finest twenty mile concrete highways in California.

Work on the installation of a trunk line sewer through the Valley for which about $1,400,000 will be expended, has progressed as far as North Hollywood.

Flood control work for which approximately $550,000 has been appropriated for the Valley area from the maintenance fund of the County Flood Control District is being carried on under the direction of E. C. Eaton, chief engineer.

$3,000,000 For Streets

District Engineer L. O. Turner has estimated that about $3,000,000 will be spent during the year on numerous street improvement projects planned for the Valley, among them being the paving of streets in the Terra Bella-Nordhoff street improvement district to cost about $140,000.

The records of the building department indicate that new homes, business and industrial establishments totaling about $5,000,000 will be constructed in the Valley area during the next twelve months.

This does not include proposed additions to the Metropolitan Airport here or new motion picture studio plants which would call for an additional expenditure estimated at about $500,000.

U. S. INSPECTION

Due to a change in the wing design of the Bach Air Yachts in the course of construction in the Bach Airplane factory at Metropolitan Airport here, acceptance tests for approved type certificate were conducted at the local field yesterday by Inspector Hollibeck of the United States Department of Commerce.

According to officials of the Bach organization, the new wing design materially increases the performance of the plane.

The big aircraft will take off quicker, climb more rapidly, land slower and carry a bigger load.

Waldo D. Waterman, manager of Metropolitan Airport, was at the controls during the test flight which was declared highly successful.

C. C. CAMPBELL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Rolls Down Embankment Into Ravine

Charles C. Campbell, manager of the Van Nuys office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, narrowly escaped serious injury late Wednesday night when a front wheel of his automobile struck an obstruction on Cahuenga Pass near

C. C. CAMPBELL
Local manager Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, who narrowly escaped serious injury when his car plunged down an embankment off Cahuenga Pass road.

Lankershim boulevard and the machine hurtled over an embankment and overturned, pinning Campbell under the wreckage.

A young man who gave his name as Snowden of Owensmouth, witnessed the accident and assisted Campbell in extricating himself. He then carried the injured man up the embankment and rushed him to the office of Dr. R. W. Cooke in a truck. Campbell was given first aid for severe head lacerations, contusions, bruises and torn ligaments. He was later removed to his home at 14739 Victory boulevard, where he is reported to be resting easily and will soon be able to return to his office.

Plans Made for More Paving in Valley

Acting on a report of its Public Works Committee, the city council has instructed the city engineer to prepare an ordinance of intention for the improvement of La Tuna Canyon Road and Radford avenue and other streets in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed improvement is to be cement concrete pavement eight inches thick and 20 feet wide, with oiled shoulders. Water mains are also to be installed. The improvement is proposed under the provision of the Mattoon Act.

THE VALLEY INDEX

Expressed Editorially

WITHIN the next few months the paving of Tyrone avenue through Van Nuys townsite should be completed.

The extension of this paving from Oxnard street to the Los Angeles river and on to Ventura boulevard is now one of the most important local projects before this community. A tentative allocation of funds to assist in this work has been made by the county and the property owners near the proposed extension should get together and take advantage of this assistance.

When fully paved, Tyrone will become an important artery of traffic.

The Valley Chamber

WHEN the Valley branch of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce was organized last year, the Van Nuys Chamber of commerce sponsored the movement and provided the nucleus both in membership and funds to get the organization under way.

At that time it was hoped that the scope and influence of the Valley Chamber would be extended to all parts of the Valley as rapidly as possible and that matters of Valley wide import could be handled, with the benefit of advice and counsel from representative civic leaders in the various communities, fairly, impartially and efficiently.

The splendid achievements of the organization for the benefit of the entire Valley in the last year have justified the faith of the founders and, with a broad constructive program outlined for the coming year, there is every reason why the citizens of the Valley should rally to its membership and give the united suppor which the Chamber deserves.

Allied as it is with the Los Angeles Chamber, a membership in the parent organization, yet the funds provided by the Valley remain here and are expended for the good of the Valley.

The arrangement to have all strictly local community matters handled by local community committees in the future will provide ideal autonomy and will leave only the matters of general Valley wide interest for consideration by the Board of Directors. The extension of new memberships so far secured this year will insure due representation on the Board from all parts of the Valley.

Another feature that has won favor is the intention to hold board meetings around in the various communities.

The foundation is well laid for a great efficient Valley organization. Let every one give it full support and co-operation.

PARISH GUILD MEETING

An all day meeting of the Parish Guild of St. Mark's church will be held next Wednesday with a pot luck luncheon at noon and sewing for charity during the afternoon. As this is Ash-Wednesday, Communion service will be held at 9:45 in the morning, and litany service in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. These same services will be held at the same time and day all during Lent.

ENTERTAIN IDAHO GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lamott and family had as their guests yesterday some old friends from Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Downey of Borse. They enjoyed dinner with the Lamotts, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of Mission Acres, formerly of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Downey are touring this winter and plan to stop at several points of interest here before returning home.

TWO FILIPINO YOUTHS ROB GROCERY

Hold Manager and Clerks At Bay

$65 IN CASH TAKEN

Description of Bandits Given Police

Two armed Filipino youths walked into a grocery store operated by Y. Anamato at 12060 Ventura boulevard about 9 o'clock last night and while one of the pair held the manager and two clerks at bay with a revolver, his companion looted the cash register of $65.. The bandits then escaped in a small coupe driven by the third member of the party.

George Hara, manager of the establishment, told police that he was preparing to close the store when the bandits entered and curtly ordered the two clerks to hold up their hands.

Unnoticed Hara dropped to the floor but was unable to use a gun under the counter due to the position of the two clerks who would have been directly in the line of fire. Hara gave Detective Massey and Thompson a good description of the hold ups and feels sure he could identify them.

Several persons in the neighborhood told the officers that the bandits had parked in the vicinity for a considerable time before the robbery.

OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS

Miss Ethel Tobey was operated on at the Burbank Hospital yesterday for appendicitis, and is now doing nicely. Dr. L. S. Welbourn is the attending physician.

MANY NEW HOMES TO BE ERECTED HERE

Ten More Poultry Units For Runnymede

More new homes for Van Nuys and vicinity will be under construction shortly following the granting of permits this week by the local office of the building department.

H. P. Imbach of Vanowen street has plans prepared for the erection of a $3000 dwelling on his property at 6629 Hazeltine avenue.

A new dwelling costing about $2500 will be erected at 14148 Delano street by H. P. Goddard.

Plans for the erection of a $3500 residence at 10849 Boyer street have been prepared by L. J. Dow.

F. M. Kitch of Hollywood has been granted a permit for the erection of a $1100 home at 24014 Jensen Drive.

Two new dwellings costing about $1150 will be built by Charles Puckham at 15461 Roxford avenue.

Plans for the erection of a $3250 dwelling at 6762 Tyrone avenue have been prepared by J. M. Brown.

A new residence and garage to cost about $200 will be erected at 12608 Osborne avenue by J. L. Yackel.

Ten new poultry units costing about $1200 each will be erected at 17904-24 Lanark street by the Runnymede Finance company of Reseda.

A permit for the erection of a $2250 dwelling at 11212 Rincon street has been granted to L. E. Davis of Sherman Way.

E. F. Holmes of Enino is planning the erection of a $53000 home on his property at 17514 Ventura boulevard.

Jolly & Furstenfeld, Van Nuys builders, have been granted a permit for the erection of a $3500 home at 13855 Vanowen street.

Says Wars Won Largely By Luck And Plain Grit

"Our Peace Establishment" was the subject of Lientenant-Colonel Leroy F. Smith, who was the principal speaker at the Van Nuys Kiwanis club luncheon yesterday. Mr. Smith was introduced by Coyle Briggs, chairman of the day.

That past wars of the United States had been won largely by luck and grit, and not by being prepared for conflicts with a large and efficient navy and army, was pointed out by the speaker. He emphasized the necessity of military strength and preparedness in present troubled times. His talk was interspersed with considerable humor and was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his address.

Several Important Meetings

There are a number of meetings of more than ordinary importance to Van Nuys Kiwanians in the next ten days. Governor C. C. Young will address the North Hollywood Kiwanis club next Thursday and an invitation was brought from the club to Van Nuys Kiwanians by Dr. Axline. Several members will hear Governor Young.

On the night of February 18th the regular monthly Division meeting will be held in North Hollywood. This date was changed from the 29th. A large delegation will attend from the Van Nuys club.

Clive Webb of the Van Nuys Rotary club, was a guest at the luncheon and invited members of the Kiwanis club to the annual banquet and ladies' night which will be held in Van Nuys on February 18th. Several Kiwanis members and guests will attend.

Geo. S. Simpson, chairman of the music committee presented Fred Cooper, member of the Van Nuys Branch of Hollywood Conservatory of Music and Arts, who entertained Kiwanis members with clarinet numbers. He was accompanied by Miss Phillippi.

The attendance prize, offered by F. M. Keffer, was awarded to Dr. C. H. Yunker.

PICTURE STUDIOS AID REAL ESTATE

Film Community Growth Great Asset

Reflecting substantial real estate activity and indicating that the Studio City-Van Nuys area is one of the real "white spots" of the country, trust deeds reaching the huge total of $13,542,674.04, covering transfers of 5023 pieces of property in San Fernando Valley were recorded during 1928, according to a survey completed yesterday by Harry E. Jones, valuation expert.

Transfers exceeding $1,125,000 monthly for 1928, set a new record for this district and indicates that the movement of major motion picture studios out Ventura boulevard has assured the permanency of the growth of the new film community, Milton E. Hoffman, president of Central Motion Picture District, announced.

Starting out 1929 with 822 trust deeds of a valuation of $1,398,747 recorded on property transferred in the Valley area during January, it was predicted that the total of real estate transactions for the year would pass the $20,000,000 mark. Mr. Hoffman pointed out that 80 per cent of the total transactions of $13,542,674.04 for 1928 were centered in the Studio City-Van Nuys area.

According to President Hoffman, 122 dialogue and sound synchronized motion pictures will be filmed under the revised 1929 program by studios permanently located and under production in Studio City. Film executives declare that in addition to the pictures actually manufactured in the new film area, Paramount-Lasky, Christie Film company and Warner Brothers which have permanent locations in the Valley, will produce 113 sound pictures in the 1929 program at an approximate cost of $14,500,000. Scenes for many of these films will be shot in the outdoor headquarters of the three concerns in this district.

150 PRESENT AT REALTY MEETING

Visiting Officials Compliment the Van Nuys Organization for Progress and Success in Active Membership Campaign

One hundred and fifty sat down to dinner last night at the Van Nuys Woman's club house, the event being the annual banquet of the Van Nuys Realty Board with state officers of the California Real Estate association as the honored guests.

Rockwell Smith, president of the Van Nuys Board, acted as toastmaster for the occasion, welcoming those present, presenting the guests, the speakers and the musical numbers.

The turkey dinner which was served by the Van Nuys Woman's club was highly praised on every hand while the entertaining features received hearty applause. The entertainers were: Miss Rose Stachowiak and Miss Helen Stachowiak, who presented duet numbers, Miss Rose giving two readings which were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Armstrong of Ventura, who came with realtors from Ventura, delighted her audience with her artistic whistling, immitating many birds in a realistic manner.

Councilman Randall

Councilman Randall was the first speaker and bluntly announced that he was uncomfortable at the meeting. He had eaten too much for one thing; he had his engagements badly mixed and must leave soon; on one side of him at the table Rockwell Smith and Earl White told him he wasn't building paved roads fast enough, while on his other side sat W. P. Whitsett and one or two other land owners, who told him he was building roads too fast as he had built them all around their property and was now running roads through the middle of it.

In speaking of the new road from Ventura boulevard through Beverly Glen to the University he said, "It occurs to me that it might be a good idea for Van Nuys to build a road to Ventura boulevard."

Earl White Speaks

Earl L. White, the father of Magnolia Park, and head of the fifteenth district of the California Real Estate association, congratulated the Van Nuys Realtors on the success of the annual banquet and devoted a few moments to San Fernando Valley airports, stating that an acquaintance of his who was well versed in things aeronautic stated that conditions for flying were the best in this Valley of any place in the world.

Mr. White dwelt on the opportunity California now affords for the energetic realtor, saying, "It isn't necessary for any realtor to go to Arizona or Nevada to operate,

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Dr. Cummings Is Baptists' Supply

Dr. S. W. Cummings, professor of Bible and Missions at the University of Redlands, is expected to become stated supply of the First

DR. S. W. CUMMINGS
Who is to serve the First Baptist Church as stated supply.

Baptist church here until a pastor is assigned to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Rev. J. G. Carmichael.

Before Rev. Carmichael took the pulpit in the First Baptist church of San Bernardino, Dr. Cummings acted as stated supply there and has served in a similar capacity almost constantly in Southern California churches since going to Redlands six years ago.

Dr. Cummings served eight years as pastor of the First Baptist church of Pasadena and has been identified with important pastorites in other parts of the country, notably in eastern Pennsylvania and Lowell, Mass.

If You Have a Landlady Don't Black Her Eye

Thou shalt not strike thy landlady, is not one of the Ten Commandments but it fell under that category yesterday in the Van Nuys court when Judge William Thompson sentenced John Willard of Los Angeles to pay a $100 fine or serve twenty days in the City jail and then gave him a straight jail sentence of sixty days after finding him guilty on a charge of battery preferred by Mrs. A. Saturley of Sunland.

Testimony differed as to the cause of the alleged attack but it seems that Willard had been a roomer in the Saturley home but left to get married. Upon returning a few weeks ago to get some clothing, he got into an altercation with Mrs. Saturley in which blows were struck. Mrs. Saturley called the police, exhibited a black eye and had Willard arrested.

Annual Meeting of Major Development Ass'n Feb. 11

The Major Development association will hold its annual meeting at North Hollywood Monday evening, February 11, and directors for the ensuing year will be elected at this time. Manager Charles L. Wood at that time will present the annual report for the fiscal year ending February 1st. Events of major importance to the San Fernando Valley have transpired during the last year which go to make up a very interesting report.

The Chambers of Commerce of San Fernando, North Hollywood and Pacoima have each voted to place a representative on the board of directors for the ensuing year.

ATTEND BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wetzstein, with Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Williams and son attended a bridge-luncheon held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Graham in Los Angeles Wednesday. There were 24 guests present, all of whom were formerly of Iowa. The honored guests were seven Iowa residents who are spending the winter here.

P.-T. ASS'N BUSY ON PLAY

The Parent-Teacher's association of the Hazeltine school are busy preparing a play which they will present soon.

WHITSETT TELLS OF COLORADO WATER

W. P. Whitsett, community builder and Commissioner of Water and Power of Los Angeles, as well as director of the Metropolitan Water District, brought to the members and guests of the Van Nuys Realty Board last night a message of real value.

Mr. Whitsett dealt in figures that have a real meaning, and in his talk on the Boulder Dam drove home his points straight from the shoulder. He said in part:

"We are facing the tremendous task of bringing water from the Colorado River to Los Angeles, but almost as important an undertaking is the bringing of cheap industrial power to furnish employment for the hundreds of thousands of persons who are coming to California in expectation of the prosperity era that will follow the opening of the Colorado River aqueduct.

Great Influx of People

"Expectation is greater at the start than realization. There will be a far greater influx of people into Southern California during the time that the Boulder Canyon dam and the Colorado River aqueduct are under construction than immediately after their completion.

"No other class of business men will reap a greater profit from this influx that the realtors of Southern California.

"During the next few years we will not be faced with the problem of how to get new people to Southern California, but rather how we should take care of them—what we shall put them to work at after they get here.

"Water and cheap industrial power are the keys which we can unlock new flood-gates of population and industry. Southern California has nearly 50 per cent of the entire population of the state, but the same territory has only about 1 per cent of the tributary water of the state (exclusive of the Colorado River).

"The Colorado River aqueduct will have a capacity of 1500 second feet of water as compared to the 400 second feet capacity of the Los Angeles aqueduct. The Colorado River aqueduct will supply the domestic needs of 7,500,000 people.

Choice of Four Routes

"Four routes are under consideration for the Colorado River aqueduct. I have gathered a few brief figures about each of the routes under consideration and present them to you as follows:

1. The Blythe route: Distance, 259 miles; approximate lift, 1630 feet; longest tunnel, 27 miles; next longest tunnel, 5 miles.

2. Bridge Canyon Gravity route: Distance, 372 miles; longest tunnel, 80 miles; next longest tunnel, 72 miles.

3. Black Canyon route: distance. 343 miles; approximate lift, 1730 feet; longest tunnel, 20 miles; next longest tunnel, 15 miles.

4. Picacho route: Distance, 243 miles; lift, 1580 feet; longest tunnel 27 miles; next longest tunnel, 6 miles.

"The cost of construction on the most favorable route is estimated at about $150,000,000.00. The Colorado River adequct will be by far the largest aqueduct in the world. The per capita cost of constructing the Colorado River aqueduct will be about $100 per capita based on our present population. On the other hand the Los Angeles aqueduct cost approximately $150.00 per capita based on the population

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Said One Fish to The Rest of 'Em "Come with Me"

For several years local police have been fairly successful in recovering stolen horses, rabbits and flocks of missing chickens.

A flock of stolen gold fish, however, is a horse of another color. One fish looks like another but the question before Van Nuys detectives is, who raided the premises of L. A. Farrand, gold fish fancier of Jean street, and removed five ponds of aristocratic fish valued at $500?

A few days ago, Ferrand told Capt. V. E. Newstetter, that his fish ponds were intact and scores of happy goldfish were swimming therein. One morning he discovered them empty and none were left but a pond of the common variety. Before the fish burglar arrived Ferrand told police that he refused an offer of $125 for one of the champions of the pond. One fish looks like another but Captain Newstetter and his aids are sleuthing for a fish that looks like $125.

"Bob" Shuler of Trinity M. E. church, Los Angeles, is to speak at the club house, Sepulveda, tonight at 8 o'clock.

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ACTIVITY AT RESEDA

Van Nuys Auto Dealer Will Erect Fine New Building

Lauesen Brothers, owners of Reseda townsite and a large amount of real estate in the vicinity, report considerable activity the past month in and about Reseda. Among the transactions the past week was the sale of a choice business corner on Reseda boulevard to a Van Nuys business man.

Bruce F. Allington, Studebaker dealer with show rooms and service at Van Nuys and San Fernando, bought the Reseda boulevard property and will improve it. The lot has a frontage of 50 feet on Reseda boulevard by 150 feet on Gault street.

According to Mr. Allington's present plans he will start construction about May 1, on a building to cover the full frontage of the lot. The front of the building will be used for a spacious show room and accessory department while the rear, with entrance on Gault street, will contain service shops.

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VALLEY DIVISION CHIEF WANTS INCREASED FORCE

With various city departments preparing budget estimates for the fiscal year 1929-30 which commences July 1, Capt. F. E. Kierscey, Valley police head today forwarded to Chief of Police James E. Davis a request that the Valley division be given a much needed increase in personnel and equipment in order to adequately police the district which he estimates has an added population of about 30,000 persons who have located here during the past two years.

As to additional personnel Captain Kierscey stated that the assignment of one regular Lieutenant, three Sergeants, twenty police officers and two telephone clerks will be necessary in order to give police protection to new community business and residential districts which have been established in the Valley area since 1926.

He pointed out that traffic conditions in ahe Valley area have caused an alarming increase in automobile accidents and in order to cope with the situation he requested the assignment of four additional motorcycle officers.

Due to the increase in the number of investigations made by the local detective bureau the report recommended the assignment of another police car for detectives and three additional automobiles to be used as patrol cars for the outlying districts.

A telephone system of direct lines to all sub-stations from the Van Nuys headquarters was requested as well as the installation of the Gamewell police signal system for the use of officers on patrol beats. Capt. Kierscey stated that direct communication between Valley police headquarters and the various sub-stations as well as regular patrol beats would be a great aid in apprehending chicken thieves and ranch looters who carry away thousands of dollars worth of property in the Valley area every year.

Dr. Pearring Opens Home Office Here

Dr. M. J. Pearring, well known chiropractor of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties, has moved to Van Nuys with his family and has opened a home office at 14643 Victory boulevard, completely equipped with all modern scientific equipment, including diatherma x-ray and electro-therapy. Dr. Pearring has had eighteen years experience in drugless healing and plans to make Van Nuys his home.

Sepulveda Happenings

Mrs. Selwin Miller, 9449 Burnett street, is representative of The News in Sepulveda. Her mail address is Route 1, Box 433, San Fernando, or phone San Fernando Red 1193. She is authorized to handle news matter, subscriptions and classified advertising for The News.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER HONORS MRS. CHAFFIN

Mrs. W. P. Chaffin of 15204 Plummer street was honored Sunday with a six o'clock dinner party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ross Green of Glendale. The lovely affair was in honor of her birthday and came as a complete surprise. Calling at the home with Mr. Chaffin for their house guest, Miss Margaret Chaffin, who had spent the week-end in the Green home, she soon found herself as the honor guest at a table where 20 of her near relatives were seated. The table was centered with a beautiful birthday cake whereon burned 60 wax candles.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE GUESTS AT OSLER HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hosler at 15357 Roscoe street was the setting Saturday evening for a party when the Oslers intertained the Baptist Young People's Union of Van Nuys.

Bouquets of winter flowers were used in profusion in the decorative scheme. An old time candy pull and Valentine games furnished the evening's amusement. Prizes were awarded to the following winners of the contest games: Hazel Holland, George Holland and Leo Hosler. Red hearts were matched for partners and a delicious luncheon served.

The guests were the Misses Mabel Curry, Hazel Holland, Erma Hodges, Imogene Guyman, Evelyn Ross, Eleanor Carr, Helen Cuthbert, Glada Holland, Evelyn Wilson, Eloise Aneaker, and Victor Davis, Aubrey Davis, Roscoe Holland, Mr. Fisher, Virgil Von Bibber, Forbes Cuthbert, Paul Briggs, Harold Holland, Herbert Luna, George Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McIntyre have faith in the chicken business and expect to work into the chicken game as soon as possible. To this end they are brooding 3000 Rhode Island baby chicks.

CELEBRATE GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Camilia Frachling of 14902 Roscoe street was hostess Tuesday to a delightful party celebrating the graduation of the hostess and her guests from the Van Nuys high school last Friday. A profusion of acacia blossoms and iris flowers were used in the decorations. Exciting games were indulged in all afternoon and the party was closed with a delicious luncheon served by the charming little hostess and her mother.

The guests were Helen McAdoo, Lolita Huffaker, Jeanette Keller and Kathryn Link of Van Nuys.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen entertained as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nickelson and daughters, Francis and Margaret and son, Jack, and a nephew, Myron Mickelson of Los Angeles. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Lacy and daughters of Reseda joined the party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lawrence attended the district meeting last week that met at Reseda.

Mrs. L. C. Hine returned home Sunday evening from a week-end spent with her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Powell of Los Angeles.

Postmaster and Mrs. Albert Ray entertained at dinner recently Mr. Ray's mother, Mrs. A. M. Ray and his brother, Ralph Ray of North Hollywood. The brother recently arrived here from Indio, Imperial Valley.

C. A. Kilwinski spent Monday in the art galleries at the Fine Arts Building and the Biltmore Hotel. Mr. Kilwinski has recently sold two pictures he painted to Mrs. Arthur Ford of 7501 Van Nuys boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pierce and two daughters of Glendale were in Sepulveda last week and placed an order with Mrs. Emil Jensen for one of her Jen-Sen Chow dogs. Mrs. Jensen has orders now for five dogs that she cannot fill at the present time. Mrs. Jensen's prize puppy, Dee Dee of Jen-Sen, died last week. He won first prize in the junior puppy class at the recent dog show held at the Shrine auditorium.

Mrs. K. Nellermoe was a guest Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross of Hollywood, where a reunion was held of Canadian friends.

Miss Ruth Harris and house guest, Miss Louise Hanson of Tracy, left Sunday for San Diego where they will spend the next two weeks at the home of Miss Harris' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Virdin Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Smith are entertaining as their house guest this week Mrs. A. L. Baker, a sister of Mr. Smith, who is enroute from Oak Park, Ill., to Honolulu.

February 14 will be observed in Sepulveda with an afternoon Valentine party at the school for the members of the Parent-Teacher association, to which every lady is expected to bring a Valentine. In the evening the Ways and Means Committee of the Woman's club will give a dance in the Corporation building to which a general invitation is extended.

Chief Engineer Shaw of Los Angeles, District Engineer Turner of Van Nuys and McGuire and Horn from the Department of Public Works of Los Angeles paid Sepulveda a visit Wednesday and viewed the controversial piece of work that is being done in the paving of Roscoe street.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Smith and daughter, Miss Grace spent the week-end in Upland. They attended a house warming party given by Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Gus Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hosler were recent guests at a young married people's party given at the home of Mrs. Alice Shell on Vanowen street, Van Nuys.

Rev. "Bob" Shuler of Los Angeles will be the speaker Friday evening at the Sepulveda Corporation building when the church puts on the second number of its entertainment course of five numbers. He will be supported by Mrs. Mamie Howard Martin of Van Nuys who will give a number of speakings.

Mrs. W. W. Crouse enjoyed a day's visit Monday from her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Menden of Los Angeles.

Mrs. J. Shannon Sneed is out again after an attack of the flu.

Driving into Los Angeles Tuesday Mrs. Henry H. Doll was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Sharpo, who will be a house guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman Doll.

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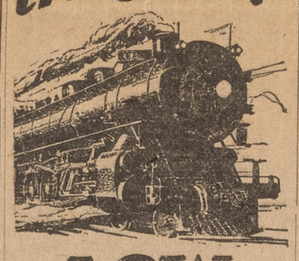

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"The per capita consumption of water in Los Angeles is 125 gallons per day, or less than 17 cubic feet per person. In other words it will cost three mills per day per person to lift the water from Boulder Dam to Los Angeles.

No Water for Irrigation

"In closing let me say to those who are contemplating the purchase of land with the hope or belief that it will be benefitted by the construction of the Boulder Dam or the Colorado River aqueduct, there will be no water for irrigation use made available from the Colorado River aqueduct. It will be used entirely as a domestic water supply for the cities of the Coastal Plain of Southern California.

"All public lands available for future irrigation along the lower Colorado River have been withdrawn from entry and when opened for settlement, will be offered first to United States war veterans.

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"Our communities are interlaced, one with the other by paved highways, railroads, telephone and telegraph lines, and innumerable intimacies of commercial activity.

"It should be the aim and desire of each of us to strengthen this interlacing by concrete conduits, Iron and riveted steel mains, through which should flow the water from the Colorado River at the earliest practical moment, to the end that all might share in the general prosperity and wealth to be created on the Coastal Plain of Southern California by the very life blood of our growth and industry here—WATER"

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB OFFICERS

The officers of the Girl's Glee club of Van Nuys high school, elected for the new term are: president, Miss Jeannette French (re-elected); vice president, Helen Cuthbert; secretary, Norma Antibus; treasurer, Martha Moltzer; librarian, Evelyn Ross. Officers of the Boy's Glee club are president, Robert Lamott; vice president, Cecil Bullock; secretary, Donald Dryden; treasurer, Clarence Swanberg, and librarian, Whitley Huffaker.

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Shall roll a human sea.
—[Whittier.

LEAVING out of the count certain vast international land transfers that have emphasized the territorial expansion of the United States, and leaving out, also, some more or less traditional "trades" that must be accepted with necessary grains of allowance, land transactions have not usually been accorded places in our general histories. The Louisiana Purchase is cited as the foremost land bargain driven by certain early statesmen of America, and every schoolboy has heard how some shrewd Dutchmen acquired title from the original inhabitants to the future building sites of Wall street for the consideration of a few strings of glass beads. The constructive operations of those empire-builders of modern America, the men with capital, vision and initiative who have carved prosperous communities out of the wilderness and the desert, creating opportunities that others could not see, have as a rule gone unsung.

One of the comparatively recent and really notable land subdivision projects in Southern California is the extensive transaction which resulted less than six years ago in the change of ownership of a 47,500-acre holding in the San Fernando Valley, which for years had been the property of the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company. Of record-breaking proportions, as realty transfers go, this exceptional transaction has been followed by developments of a magnitude and importance completely overshadowing the deal itself. Heralding, as it did, the greatest single subdivision enterprise ever carried to successful consummation under private control and management, the sale owes its main historical significance to the fact that it introduced a distinct epoch in the progress of Los Angeles.

Following the long-continued and benign sway of the cowled and corded padres, and that later period during which these old ranchos were devoted almost exclusively to grain-growing, the land was annually a vast sea of barley and wheat. Then came that later group of far-seeing projectors who made their first payments on it in the fall of 1909. The prodigious crop of grain, covering more than 30,000 acres out of the whole tract, had to be harvested before the sellers could be called upon to surrender possession in 1910. Probably never before in the development history of the country had such a domain of land at the very gateway of a great city retained its primitive conditions for so long a time.

Aladdin Outdone.

The new owners, in making up for the time that had been lost through all the preceding decades, have succeeded in establishing a record of material accomplishment rarely equaled. Such a task as they set for themselves had never been attempted since the days of the mythical Senor Aladdin of the Lamp. Theirs was a deliberate effort to catch up with the growth of the fastest-growing city in the world. That which they achieved in their undertaking speaks for itself in words unmistakable.

These five first purchasers might have retained in their own exclusive possession and control the broad acres here described, for they were financially able to do so; but they chose rather, in accordance with their original purpose, to let the main body go to the many, and not be kept in the hands of the few.

Today the ranch buildings that only half a decade ago housed the activities of the valley holdings are all that remain to remind the visitor of the old, old days that persisted so long at the city's northern gateway. What were for so long a time known as the grain lands of the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company—in other words, the Van Nuys-Lankershim ranchos—have become the near-garden-city of America, that ideal type of community, combining the best in both urban and rural life, that has always been the dream of the city planner and of the economist.

The claim of this old domain to being a part of the city is more than the merely nominal one that came with its recent annexation to the municipal area. Paved and illuminated boulevards and streets, that would do credit to the urban district of any city in the land, now form a network over the entire great stretch. Towns with modern business houses, prosperous industries, up-to-date schools, imposing churches and sightly homes sprang, Jovian, out of the stubble of the last barley harvest. Farms, orchards, and gardens now touch edge to edge over the tract like squares of living green on a vast checkerboard. The whole area is being rapidly transformed into one continuous suburban community.

Awakened and revivified by the galvanic touch of capital and human enterprise, the lands of the Van Nuys-Lankershim ranchos had become in truth urban territory, ripe for annexation, when the people of Los Angeles decreed that the area, with other portions of the San Fernando Valley, should come into the municipal fold.

A Chapter Closed.

Closed is that chapter of the old rancho's history which had to do with its development as a great private land holding. The work of the subdividers is substantially over. The greater part of the original acreage has passed into the hands of individual purchasers. Long before the former rancho had been taken into the city, or a share of the aqueduct surplus secured for the irrigation of its already productive acres, the men of this bold group of five had themselves come to be only individual owners among other holders of its broad acres.

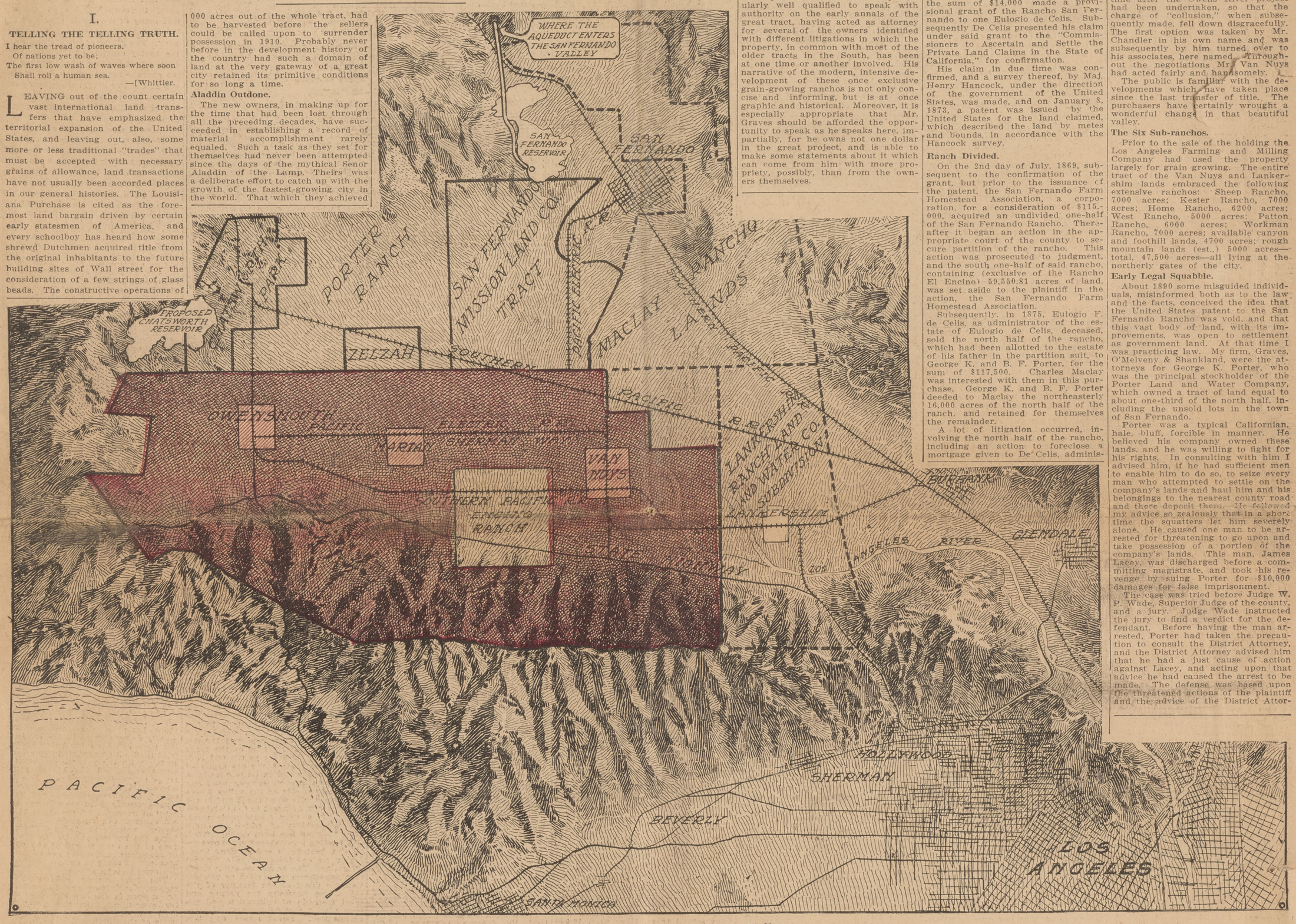
And now even the syndicate which developed the tract is passing into history as an organized body of "operators," for there has recently been closed a formidable land transaction by the terms of which the original syndicate of five—Chandler, Brant, Sherman, Otis and Whitley—have deliberately transferred their respective remaining holdings to the sole possession of one of their own number, Mr. H. J. Whitley, who becomes "residuary legatee," so to call him, of the immense properties which were formerly owned jointly by himself and his associates, and who, by the same stroke, also beocmes controling head of the entire great project at the very period of its brilliant, triumphant and unexampled consummation.

Planning to Retire.

This man of ceaseless action was, by the choice of his associates, early made general manager of the colossal project, and he has from the beginning held the laboring oar in the exacting executive field work indispensable to the scheme of development. He has always been a tireless night-and-day worker. He has shown himself to be an original projector as well as a forceful executive. When the entire commanding enterprise shall have been closed—and this will be in the near future—he will then carry out his purpose, long and fondly cherished, of retiring finally from the work of land development, which has consumed so many years of his strenuous life. When he does retire, it will be with the consciousness that this labor of his was by far the greatest he ever undertook, and that it constitutes the crowning glory of his industrial life.

The residue of the lands taken over by him from his associate owners amounts to only a fraction of the original tract, the greater body having been sold, tract by tract and lot by lot, to hundreds of investors, and by them largely improved. Yet the just-transferred acreage, when added to the individual holdings that he had previously acquired and paid for, will make Mr. Whitley, already a rich man, still more so, he being the owner of landed and other properties of transcendent value in this region. The destiny of the residue of these lands is the same as that of the tracts first sold, to wit, distribution to many small owners; so that when the final closing out shall have taken place, the original purchasers will be left with only their individual selections in their possession.

In a special section of this authorized narrative, Mr. J. A. Graves, one of our foremost and best-known pioneer citizens, who knows whereof he speaks, gives an interesting and luminous history of the old Van Nuys-Lankershim lands prior to their change of ownership in 1909, together with a summary of the salient facts in connection with their later development. Mr. Graves is particularly well qualified to speak with authority on the early annals of the great tract, having acted as attorney for several of the owners identified with different litigations in which the property, in common with most of the older tracts in the South, has been at one time or another involved. His narrative of the modern, intensive development of these once exclusive grain-growing ranchos is not only concise and informing, but is at once graphic and historical. Moreover, it is especially appropriate that Mr. Graves should be afforded the opportunity to speak as he speaks here, impartially, for he owns not one dollar in the great project, and is able to make some statements about it which can come from him with more propriety, possibly, than from the owners themselves.



Topographical Map of San Fernando Valley.

Here is a new and different view of the valley, being the first view published that really shows all of the present great land divisions on the floor of that basin. The portion of the valley comprised within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company tract (formerly the Van Nuys-Lankershim ranchos) is shaded in red. The other grand divisions of the area are indicated by name. The Lankershim Ranch Land and Water Company Subdivision is now scarcely more than a title, having been parceled among hundreds of owners. A few large and many small tracts have been sold out of the holdings of the San Fernando Mission Land Company. The Maclay ranch, now largely subdivided, originally comprised much of the fine foothill land east and northeast of the town of San Fernando. The only part of the old Rancho Ex-Mission de San Fernando, out of which practically all but the lands of the Encino Rancho were carved, to retain to any considerable degree its original identity is the so-called Porter ranch. The particular object in so precise a description as that given here is to show just what relation the 47,500-acre Suburban Homes Company holding bears to the lands outside of its limits and to the valley as a whole. All of the lands within the various divisions indicated on the map, excepting a part of the Lankershim Ranch Subdivision, are included in the irrigation district recently annexed to Los Angeles, and are consequently entitled to participate alike, under the city's fair terms, in the benefits to be derived from the use of the aqueduct surplus.

II.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE SAN FERNANDO RANCHO.

By J. A. Graves.

NOW that the greater part of the extensive San Fernando Valley has been annexed to the city of Los Angeles, the early history of the San Fernando Rancho may prove interesting to many people, especially those who have come to Los Angeles county within the last ten years.

The floor of the valley was embraced within the limits of six Spanish grants, viz: La Providencia, the San Rafael, the San Fernando, the Tejunga, El Escorpion, and the Encino. The Providencia, San Rafael, Tejunga and San Fernando Ranchos also embrace a large part of the mountains or hills surrounding the valley. Of these ranchos the San Fernando was the largest and by far the most valuable. As patented, it contained 121,000 acres of land, but there was to be deducted thererrom the Encino, a ranch of 4460 acres, which lies wholly within the boundaries of the San Fernando. El Escorpion was a very small rancho, being about one-quarter the size of the Encino, situated at the western end of the valley, and was bounded on three sides, north, east and south, by the San Fernando, and on the west by the Rancho Las Virgines.

Rancho La Providencia occupies the extreme eastern end of the valley. Its westerly boundary is a straight line from a point near the Cahuenga Pass across the valley to an intersection with the San Rafael Rancho, which latter was co-terminous on the south with the Providencia Rancho. North of the San Rafael for a short distance the Tejunga formed one of the boundaries of the San Fernando.

The Old Mission Days.

The San Fernando Mission, located upon the rancho of that name, was founded September 8, 1797. It became one of the most flourishing and by far the richest of all the missions in California. At one time the number of horses and cattle owned by the mission was very large, running up into the thousands. It cultivated under irrigation a large acreage of the valley.

Patent Issued.

On the 17th day of June, 1846, Pio Pico, Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias, for the sum of $14,000 made a provisional grant of the Rancho San Fernando to one Eulogio de Celis. Subsequently De Celis presented his claim under said grant to the "Commissioners to Ascertain and Settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," for confirmation.

His claim in due time was confirmed, and a survey thereof, by Maj. Henry Hancock, under the direction of the government of the United States, was made, and on January 8, 1873, a patent was issued by the United States for the land claimed, which described the land by metes and bounds, in accordance with the Hancock survey.

Ranch Divided.

On the 2nd day of July, 1869, subsequent to the confirmation of the grant, but prior to the issuance of the patent, the San Fernando Farm Homestead Association, a corporation, for a consideration of $115,000, acquired an undivided one-half of the San Fernando Rancho. Thereafter it began an action in the appropriate court of the county to secure partition of the rancho. This action was prosecuted to judgment, and the south one-half of said rancho, containing (exclusive of the Rancho El Encino) 59,550.81 acres of land, was set aside to the plaintiff in the action, the San Fernando Farm Homestead Association.

Subsequently, in 1875, Eulogio F. de Celis, as administrator of the estate of Eulogio de Celis, deceased, sold the north half of the rancho, which had been allotted to the estate of his father in the partition suit, to George K. and B. F. Porter, for the sum of $117,500. Charles Maclay was interested with them in this purchase. George K. and B. F. Porter deeded to Maclay the northeasterly 16,000 acres of the north half of the ranch, and retained for themselves the remainder.

A lot of litigation occurred, involving the north half of the rancho, including an action to foreclose a mortgage given to De Celis, administrator, for a part of the purchase money. The failure of the Temple & Workman Bank in Los Angeles, and the Bank of California in San Francisco, brought on a financial stringency which made it impossible to raise money for land purchases.

The interests of the Porters and Maclay were sold under foreclosure proceedings by the sheriff of this county, to satisfy the judgment in favor of Eulogio F. de Celis, administrator, etc., but redemption from this sale was made October 23, 1879, by B. F. Porter, in the interest of himself and George K. Porter. Subsequently, for a consideration, these parties again deeded to Maclay a portion of the lands involved. In time George K. and B. F. Porter divided their holdings, B. F. Porter taking the most westerly end of the north half and George K. Porter taking the center portion of the north half, adjoining the lands deeded to Maclay.

The heirs of B. F. Porter still own the lands taken by him. The heirs of George K. Porter own a portion of the lands allotted to him, while various corporations acquired the remainder thereof, and a considerable portion of these lands has been sold off to individuals.

Owners Reorganize.

The San Fernando Farm Homestead Association was succeeded in the ownership of the south half of the ranch by the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company, composed of the same stockholders who originally formed the Homestead Association. During the boom following 1885, the latter corporation sold the easterly 12,000 acres of the south half of the ranch, next to the Providencia, for $300,000.

Sold to Syndicate.

The Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company remained in possession and occupation of the rest of its property until a few years ago, when it sold the remainder of its holdings, including all live stock, agricultural implements and farming machinery on the ranch and its milling plant in Los Angeles, for something like $2,500,000 to the group of men who subdivided it, comprising Gen. H. G. Otis, Mr. Harry Chandler, Gen. M. H. Sherman, Mr. O. F. Brant and Mr. H. J. Whitley.

Negotiations for the purchase had for a long time previously been carried on between Harry Chandler and Mr. I. N. Van Nuys, acting for himself and his co-owners. This was some time after the Owens River project had been undertaken, so that the charge of "collusion," when subsequently made, fell down disgracefully. The first option was taken by Mr. Chandler in his own name and was subsequently by him turned over to his associates, here named. Throughout the negotiations Mr. Van Nuys had acted fairly and handsomely.

The public is familiar with the developments which have taken place since the last transfer of title. The purchasers have certainly wrought a wonderful change in that beautiful valley.

The Six Sub-ranchos.

Prior to the sale of the holding the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company had used the property largely for grain growing. The entire tract of the Van Nuys and Lankershim lands embraced the following extensive ranchos: Sheep Rancho, 7000 acres; Kester Rancho, 7000 acres; Home Rancho, 6200 acres; West Rancho, 5000 acres; Patton Rancho, 6000 acres; Workman Rancho, 7000 acres; available canyon and foothill lands, 4700 acres; rough mountain lands (est.,) 5000 acres—total, 47,500 acres—all lying at the northerly gates of the city.

Early Legal Squabble.

About 1890 some misguided individuals, misinformed both as to the law and the facts, conceived the idea that the United States patent to the San Fernando Rancho was void, and that this vast body of land, with its improvements, was open to settlement as government land. At that time I was practicing law. My firm, Graves, O'Melveny & Shankland, were the attorneys for George K. Porter, who was the principal stockholder of the Porter Land and Water Company, which owned a tract of land equal to about one-third of the north half, including the unsold lots in the town of San Fernando.

Porter was a typical Californian, hale, bluff, forcible in manner. He believed his company owned these lands, and he was willing to fight for his rights. In consulting with him I advised him, if he had sufficient men to enable him to do so, to seize every man who attempted to settle on the company's lands and haul him and his belongings to the nearest county road and there deposit them. He followed my advice so zealously that in a short time the squatters let him severely alone. He caused one man to be arrested for threatening to go upon and take possession of a portion of the company's lands. This man, James Lacey, was discharged before a committing magistrate, and took his revenge by suing Porter for $10,000 damages for false imprisonment.

The case was tried before Judge W. P. Wade, Superior Judge of the county, and a jury. Judge Wade instructed the jury to find a verdict for the defendant. Before having the man arrested, Porter had taken the precaution to consult the District Attorney, and the District Attorney advised him that he had a just cause of action against Lacey, and acting upon that advice he had caused the arrest to be made. The defense was based upon the threatened actions of the plaintiff and the advice of the District Attorney. On appeal to the Supreme Court the judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

Squatter Activities.

On the south half of the rancho the squatters were very active. I advised Mr. I. N. Van Nuys, president and manager of the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company, to have his men do just as Porter had done, but he declined to do so. He was to be admired for the position he took, namely, that he and his stockholders were law-abiding American citizens, and the government owed them protection; that the law should protect them in their rights, and he preferred to deal with the squatters in a legal way rather than by force. This decision cost him ten years' litigation and thousands of dollars in money.

In conjunction with Stephen M. White, our firm brought probably twenty actions against different bands of squatters on the south half of the ranch. These marauders were exceedingly impudent. They took possession of fenced lands, corrals, and in some instances buildings, and in several cases stacks of hay and grain, going so far as to forbid the men employed by the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company from using the same. Whenever we filed a suit we applied to the court and secured a preliminary injunction, most drastic in its terms, which immediately put a quietus upon the activities of the squatters, although it did not settle their rights.

The first squatter case we tried was entitled, "Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company vs. Hoff, et al." It

Metamorphosis of Historic Old Ranch Domain at the City's Northern Gateway.

may be well to explain that the form of action brought by us was ejectment. The squatters settled in groups or bands, and we would include a number who were in one neighborhood in one action, describing a body of land occupied by them. The main defense of this particular action devolved upon James M. Damron, an attorney with a shady reputation.

Hair-splitting.

One of the objections to the title of the rancho was that the original grant did not embrace the land subsequently patented. The grant by Pico to De Celis was in general terms and conveyed the Rancho ex-Mission de San Fernando with the exception of the church buildings. In his claim for confirmation of the grant, De Celis described the rancho as being bounded as follows: "On the north by the rancho of San Francisco, on the west by the mountains of Santa Susanna, on the east by the rancho of Miguel Triumfo, and on the south by the mountains of Porte Zuela, which was supposed to contain fourteen square leagues."

The rancho of Miguel Triumfo, if I remember rightly, was the Providencia or the Tejunga. Under this description the confirmation was had and survey ordered. Now, the survey as completed embraced more land than fourteen leagues, but it conformed strictly to the natural boundaries; and it is a well recognized principle of legal construction that quantity, as well as courses and distances, must give way to natural monuments. The survey made by Hancock, under the authority of the United States Surveyor-General for California, was officially approved, and thereupon, in due time, a patent was issued granting and confirming the lands so patented to Eulogio de Celis, his heirs and assigns forever.

Prior to the trial of the Hoff case our client had the exterior boundaries of the entire ranch re-run by a competent surveyor, Mr. E. T. Wright, at an expense of over $4000, and when we were proving our case we put this survey in evidence, and by the testimony of C. A. Ensign, the surveyor who personally did the work under Wright, proved every inch of the boundary line.

Hunting the Arbol Alto.

There never was a survey in California of an exterior boundary line of a rancho of any size entirely free from errors. There were errors in this survey, but they were neither serious nor material. For instance, a certain course near the northwest corner of the ranch ran from an established monument a certain distance to a tin monument established by the United States coast survey, known as "Hoja de Lata," but the distance called for by Hancock's notes would have put the monument half a mile further west on the side of the mountain, instead of at its base. The following station connected up with the coast survey station by course and distance with reasonable certainty. The court very properly held that the monument controlled over the distance recited in the surveyor's notes. The surveyor had erred in recording the distance, but the monument was fixed and definite.

Station 39 was another station in the survey where Damron made his greatest fight. From Station 38 the call of the survey was a certain course and distance to "a liveoak tree." On the ground, running that course and distance, we found a white or post-oak tree. From the white oak tree the next call was a certain course and distance to a liveoak tree. Starting from the white oak, the liveoak tree was there all right, and properly marked. Damron and his surveyors for the squatters insisted that the liveoak tree was the tree designated as the end of course 38, and should be Station 39 instead of Station 40. True, to do so he had to do violence to the courses and distances of the survey for several calls; but what mattered that to him if thereby he threw a large wedge of land out of the rancho and made it subject to entry by his clients?

Lucky Meeting.

One thing that bothered White and myself was the fact that every tree used as a monument was approached from one side in the survey and marked on the other side. This singular situation and the true location of Station 39 was cleared up in a very unexpected manner. During the trial, and while at this disputed corner of the ranch, in proving our boundaries, one day we went to lunch at Jerry Illich's restaurant. We were shown into a room in which there were several tables. At one of them sat Romulo Pico, an old resident of the county, who is still living, and who was well known to both of us. We shook hands with him and he asked us how we were getting along with "that San Fernando case." We told him "Very well." He then informed us that as quite a boy he had been one of the chain bearers when the Hancock survey was run. You may rest assured this news was gratifying to us. We asked him if he remembered the southeast corner of the rancho. He said yes, that it was a white oak tree, that he could go to it any day, as he had been there many times when he had that portion of the ranch under lease as a tenant of its owners.

Barking the Right Tree.

We then asked him how it was that all of the trees were marked on the opposite side from which they were approached. "Why," he said, "we began at the Cahuenga, went east and north, and came clear back to the Cahuenga. In running over the line as we first made the survey, we did not mark any of the trees. Then we began near the Cahuenga Pass, at what was the first and last station of the survey, and retraced our course in the other direction, in many cases re-running the distances, and we marked the trees from the side on which we then approached them, being the opposite side from which we originally approached them."

This was a glorious find for us. The very next day we sent Romulo with Ensign to the southeast corner of the ranch. Pico walked right up to the white oak tree and said, "This is the tree." It had grown very much since the Hancock survey. On the southeast side of the tree was a scar. With axes they chopped away the bark, and found the markings of Station 39 just as Hancock had described them in his notes. They brought the bark into court and it had the markings plainly embedded thereon, but, of course, reversed. Holding the same before a looking glass the markings were easily read.

The Wrong Kind of Oak.

We put Romulo on the stand and of course firmly established the fact that the white oak tree was Station 39. There is but one explanation for it: Hancock had inadvertently said "live oak" where he should have written "white oak." It was a human error that any one was liable to commit. I do not think that we would have had any trouble had we not been apprised of Mr. Romulo Pico's knowledge of the facts, but his testimony, unimpeached and unimpeachable, made the going much easier for us.

After leaving Station 39, we had some difficulty in the survey along the top of the mountains west of the Cahuenga Pass. The latter we had no trouble in establishing, as the Porte Zuela mentioned in the de Celis petition for confirmation of the grant. We had ample testimony that the owners of the San Fernando had always claimed to the crest of the hills on the south side of the valley. In issuing a patent to the Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica, subsequent to the date of the San Fernando patent, the United States government had described the north boundary of the former as the south boundary of the latter, making the two grants coterminous at this disputed point, so that there could not possibly be any government land lying between the two.

There were the usual discrepancies in courses and distances, but again nothing serious enough to cause any divergence from the line claimed by the plaintiffs.

Gallery Play.

Damron, in this lawsuit, played the poor man against the rich man to the best of his ability. He constantly played to the galleries. He indulged in every artifice possible to prejudice the jury against the owners. We were extremely fortunate in trying the case before Judge Walter Van Dyke, who had been United States District Attorney for the Northern District of California at a time when litigation of this nature was frequent. He was entirely familiar with the land laws of the government and with the decisions relating to Mexican grants, including the construction of their surveys. He had had much experience in cases of a similar nature, and was perfectly at home on all the points raised.

When the evidence was in, he granted our motion to instruct the jury to render a verdict for the plaintiff. The case went to the Supreme Court, and his ruling was affirmed.

We also tried the case of the Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company vs. Thompson et al., before Judge Van Dyke. In this case, Zach. Montgomery, one of California's pioneer attorneys, an able man, a good, honest lawyer, represented the defendants. The testimony in the case for the plaintiff was very similar to that introduced in the Hoff case. Nothing new was produced on either side. Again Judge Van Dyke instructed the jury to find for the plaintiff. On appeal, the case was affirmed in the Supreme Court of California. The case was then taken to the Supreme Court of the United States by the defendants on a writ of error, which latter court affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of the State.

Ruling Final.

The defendants accepted this ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States as final.

It is astounding how many people were fooled into investing their money in this litigation. An association was formed by the squatters and dues regularly collected from its members, for the purpose of carrying on the fight. The association had officers, with ramifications of its organization in many States in the Union. Thousands of dollars were wrung from their dupes by men who must have known that under all the decisions rendered in similar cases there was not the slightest chance of disturbing the plaintiff's title. The courts have always upheld solemn acts of the Federal Government, executed with as much care and formality as was exercised in the granting of patents to government lands on claims founded upon Mexican grants. Not one of these patents has ever been set aside except in the case of direct fraud clearly proven on the part of the applicant for the patent. Considering the number of attacks of this kind that have been made upon United States patents, the number that have been successful are infinitesimal.

III.

THE NEW ERA—TACKLING TREMENDOUS DETAILS.

THE purchase, by the five men named, from the Farming and Milling Company of its remaining 47,500 acres of land created a sensation in local real estate and financial circles. The deal was completed on September 23, 1909, its actual consummation following negotiations of long standing. The grain crop on the land at the time the papers were signed was retained by the sellers, who harvested a bumper yield of 300,000 bags of barley and wheat as a sort of grand round-up of their farming activities; though by agreement the former owners were given the right to plant still another crop.

The beginning of operations by the new owners was preceded by an auction of all stock and equipment on the ranch, the money realized reducing the purchase price of the acreage bought by a very considerable amount. Actual possession of the tract was gained in November, 1910. Development work was started in January, 1911.

Before the subdivision of the land was begun, the five purchasers organized for practical operations, taking, for the purposes of convenience, the name of "The Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company." At this time, also, they associated with themselves some twenty-five other investors, who came into the transaction under what was known as "The right to participate." This group of twenty-five was speedily expanded to nearly one hundred different small owners, looking to still further subdivision. The smaller group retained, however, the larger interest in and complete control over the property, constituting themselves the Board of Control.

Gen. Otis was made chairman of this board, while Mr. Whitley, on account of his long and successful experience in the subdivision and development of large bodies of land, was chosen by vote of his associates as general manager. This working organization continued unbroken "from start to finish."

Surpassing Scenic Drive.

The first improvement undertaken was the construction of Sherman Way, the surpassing boulevard that extends from end to end of the tract, practically bisecting it along east and west lines. The plan was an ambitious one, calling for the creation of a sixteen-mile triple roadway, with a paved automobile speedway on one side, a traffic thoroughfare on the other, and a double-track electric railway down the middle. This project alone involved an expenditure of more than $500,000.

As a sort of esthetic climax to the achievement, the wide parkings along both sides of the boulevard were planted with thousands of pines, Himalayan cedars, magnolias, palms and flowering shrubs, the broad interstices being filled with choice rose bushes. The amazement of the public at these improvements was increased when the Board of Control followed them up with the installation of a $75,000 ornamental lighting system along the entire route.

Long Lanes of Light.

The illumination of Sherman Way was followed by the organization of a lighting district embracing the whole tract and several thousand acres of outside lands. Today there are approximately sixty miles of electrolier-illuminated avenues of all kinds in and immediately surrounding the tract. Fifty miles of the total consist of boulevards and main highways lined with cluster-light standards of identically the same character as those used on Broadway, the rest taking in the side streets of the towns, which have ornamental posts with a single globe.

From first to last the company has constructed more than 100 miles of streets and roads in the tract, exclusive of the main boulevard and its recent extensions, known as South, North and West Sherman Way, respectively. By co-operating with the county, the company has also been largely instrumental in the creation of other important highways, these including the scenic Topanga Canyon route, the Owensmouth-Chatsworth road and the mid-valley road connecting the State Highway with San Fernando road, and intersecting Sherman Way and the San Fernando-Chatworth road.

Rights of way, bonus inducements and other concessions, amounting in value to about $500,000, were granted by the Board of Control to the Pacific Electric Railway Company for building a line through Cahuenga Pass to the tract. This line, extending through the middle of Sherman Way, now goes as far as Owensmouth, while a branch has been carried on to the town of San Fernando. [The name "Sherman Way" was given in compliment to Gen. M. H. Sherman, one of the strong spokes in the big wheel.]

Subdivision Begun.

The actual subdivision of the tract lands began early in 1911. Three townsites, Van Nuys, Owensmouth and Marian, were marked out at places well situated to serve as community, trade and industrial centers for home-builders. The lands outside the towns were cut up into parcels of from five to 640 acres. A water supply sufficient for all domestic uses in the towns and for the maintenance of the boulevard parking was developed by the company itself, many of the settlers also boring wells.

The public inspected the vast property, became convinced of its agricultural possibilities, its geographical and climatic advantages, and bought both acreage and town lots at the prices put upon them by the company. The appeal of the property became stronger and stronger as one great general improvement after another was carried out.

To encourage the upbuilding of the tract with high-class homes, the Board of Control early adopted the plan of giving liberal discounts to all buyers of lands and lots who would agree to construct buildings of a certain approved standard. For approximately $1,000,000 worth of residences erected, the company has granted allowances on listed prices amounting in all to over $500,000.

Titles.

Purchasers of tracts, lots and lands have been fortunate in securing sound, clear titles to their selections in the Valley; the contracts and title deeds having been obtained through the old reliable Title Insurance and Trust Company, whose manager is also one of the owners of the noted Brant-Elliot Rancho, a high-class model farm in the Valley.

Van Nuys and Owensmouth.

One of the miracles of Southern California has been the growth of Van Nuys. Five years ago not even a stake marked the lonely spot in the barley fields on which this thriving modern city was to stand. Today the town has a population of 1500, some fifty business houses, two passenger and two freight depots, two lumber yards, three garages, all public utilities, a national bank, a newspaper, a $100,000 High School, a $40,000 grade school, three churches, the only pipe-organ factory west of Chicago, and over 200 private residences. Large canning factories to take care of the immense fruit and vegetable crops of the valley are now being erected at both Van Nuys and Owensmouth.

Van Nuys was opened in February, 1911, and Owensmouth in March, 1912. The latter town is the trading point not only for the west half of the tract out of which it was carved, but for an old and established agricultural district at the western end of the valley, connecting with the Calabasas region. It is probably the most important shipping center for hay in the Southland. Owensmouth is approaching the 500 mark in population, and has about twenty business houses, a newspaper, a State bank, passenger and freight depots, two lumber yards, garage and a $40,000 grammar school. In the town there has just been started a union high school to cost over $100,000, and designed to serve nine school districts in the vicinity.

Marian, the third of the towns contemplated in the development programme, is as yet only in the embryo state, a $50,000 grammar school now under way being the first really important building started. The site of the town is in the heart of the huge mid-valley beet fields, the place being a shipping point for this crop.

Lesson in Permanency.

The surpassing excellence and permanency of the development work undertaken and fostered by the Suburban Homes Company, as well as the progressiveness of the people who have settled in the former ranch domain, are strikingly illustrated by the character of public schools completed or now building within the confines of the original tract. The Van Nuys High School, recently completed, is a notable structure of its kind, not only in an architectural sense, but in up-to-dateness of equipment. It is, in fact, one of the finest acquisitions made by Los Angeles in the annexation of the San Fernando irrigation district.

The Owensmouth High School will be an imposing classic pile that would be an ornament to any State. This school was planned not only to meet all the requirements of ordinary scholastic work, but with an end toward offering complete classroom and demonstration courses in scientific agriculture and horticulture, being thus destined to play a most important and practical part in the building up of the fertile farming principality which it will serve. Both the Van Nuys and Owensmouth grade schools are large, modern structures on a par with those in the city proper, and the Marian grammar school will be larger and finer than either.

Sites for all five schools were donated outright by the company, which has backed in a substantial way all the important projects inaugurated upon the tract by the hosts of buyers and settlers. The total expenditures of the company, exclusive of the purchase price of the land, but including concessions granted, runs into the millions.

The Final Step.

The taking over by Mr. Whitley of the remaining property interests of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company in this famous San Fernando Valley tract marks the passing of that organization through the deliberate choice and action of its original organizers, among whom there has been effective joint action from the start. With other large interests of his own, each of the four retiring members of the Board of Control is only too glad to be relieved of what has been a great extra burden.

Nowhere else in California is there an available valley as large as the San Fernando possessing its possibilities. Nowhere else in California will there be as rapid a development or as great an increase in values as in the San Fernando, which, great as have been the achievements within its borders, is as yet only in the infancy of its real development and destiny.

IV.

BATTLING IGNORANCE, STUPIDITY AND MALICE.

THE triumphant completion of this pregnant San Fernando land project was not reached without obstacles and opposition. Like the aqueduct enterprise, there had to be met not only natural and unavoidable difficulties, but the foolish, ignorant and sometimes vicious opposition of envious persons, Socialists, cranks and chronic blockers of civic progress and development.

While the valley and the aqueduct are each of importance to the other, this very fortunate and profitable connection has been used as the basis of many of the unwarranted allegations against the valley's development, without which the aqueduct would still be a great, profitable and fully justified enterprise; but it is undeniably true that this market for surplus water enables the people of Los Angeles to acquire greater profits, and get them more speedily, from their investment.

Without the aqueduct the San Fernando Valley would nevertheless continue to be one of the most beautiful, productive and attractive suburban farm and home communities on earth. With an abundance of the life-giving waters from the Owens Valley, its productivity will be greatly increased, its development made more rapid and more pronounced.

From the inception of the aqueduct project, enemies of various sorts, actuated by a weird assortment of motives, appeared. Efforts of power companies to seize valuable water rights commenced before the work was begun, and may not have ceased yet. Cracked Socialists and pretending, mendacious engineers conducted an infamous campaign of detraction.

Indefensible Methods.

The culminating and most dastardly attack was directed against the purity of the water supply. Men who dared not make themselves known conducted an expensive lawsuit against the city in the Superior Court. Pamphlets reeking with civic treason and falsehoods were disseminated where they might be expected to do the most harm.

Empty allegations that the aqueduct project was a bad investment for the people and had been undertaken for the sole benefit of a few wealthy land owners in the valley and elsewhere, continued to issue from irresponsible and unreliable sources.

The aqueduct project has been successfully carried through to completion and the water that it brings from the far-off Sierra Nevadas has been put profitably to work. This large development project has gone forward to unqualified, tremendous success, not only from the viewpoint of the men who spent money liberally to obtain substantial improvements, but even more from that of the contented and prosperous settlers who now own the greater proportion of the property.

People Triumph.

The aggressive corporations have failed in their efforts to wrest the city's valuable water rights from her. Socialists and badly-balanced engineers are discredited and disbelieved. The people have found them out and cast them out. Politicians who sought to use the aqueduct for their own selfish ends have been overthrown by the vote of the people, and in their enforced retirement to private life are virtually forgotten.

A wise, able and honest judge declared, in one of the strongest and most emphatic opinions ever written, that the aqueduct brings to this city a safe, wholesome and sanitary water supply. Some of the most eminent authorities in America so declared under oath. Their statements made the absurd charges of impurity appear ridiculously foolish, and the weight of testimony was so overwhelming that that chapter of the battles for the aqueduct can be regarded as definitely closed.

The assaults upon the aqueduct in connection with the valley have fallen under the weight of their own iniquity and falsity. The people have won on behalf of their great and worthy enterprises at every point, because they were right. They will continue to win against any enemies that may appear, and they will reap a rich reward for their courage and persistence in pursuing the right and wise course.

V.

PROGRESS—PRODUCTION—INDUSTRIES—INSTITUTIONS.

COMFORTABLE and sightly dwellings have sprung up as if by magic all over the tract. Institutions, educational, religious, social, business and industrial, have been created by the progressive people who have settled there. More than 40,000 acres of the old ranch lands are now being put to profitable uses, approximately 35,000 acres being in cultivated crops. The few hundred acres of the original vast granary still in barley comprise fields of varying size, interspersed and almost lost among the widespreading greener areas.

Thousands of acres have been set out in deciduous fruit orchards. Beets and beans cover enormous expanses, stretching away from the boulevards almost as far as the eye can see. Vegetable gardens ranging in size from mere patches to quarter-sections refresh the vision of the traveler on every hand. Poultry farms, with their orderly arrays of buildings, dot the whole countryside, like splotches of white in green settings. Here and there may be seen larger structures and the fenced-in fields of stock and dairy farms.

In the few years that have elapsed since its subdivision was started the former ranch domain has been transformed into one of the most productive growing areas of Southern California. Its fruit crops are already so large as to demand the erection of large canneries at Van Nuys and Owensmouth, and it is certain that these plants, which are now being completed, will be kept running to capacity by the orchardists and gardeners.

A complete, detailed list of all the products, industries and institutions of the tract would be encyclopedic. Innumerable crops have been tried out in these broad leagues of valley and foothill lands, and the diversity of the area's paying products is increasing from year to year. One significant fact stands forth—what Los Angeles with its growing, changing markets may require, this great suburban tract will produce.

Some of the Productions.

Following is a fairly comprehensive list of products grown upon or adapted to the lands within the confines of the six old ranchos and their bordering hills; also mention of some of the new institutions already established there:

THE IMPRESSIVE LIST.

American Opportunities	Heifers
American Homes	Hogs
American Children	Honey
American Schools	Horses
American Churches	Irish Potatoes
Alfalfa	Jellies
Apples	Kaffir Corn
Apricots	Koonskin Kabins (one)
Artichokes	Loquats
Asparagus	Melons
Avacados (in favored spots)	Motion Pictures (on the side)
Barley	Mules
Beans (ordinary varieties)	Mulberries
Beans (Bush Lima)	Nectarines
Beets (Sugar)	Oats
Berries (all kinds)	Olives
Bulls (high-class)	Onions
Cactus (Spineless)	Peaches
Cantaloupes	Pears
Casabas	Peanuts
Cows	Persimmons
Canned Fruits	Pipe Organs (made at Van Nuys)
Canned Vegetables	Plums
Canneries (now building)	Poultry (galore)
Celery	Pomegranates
Chiles	Prunes
Citrus Fruits (on sheltered slopes)	Pumpkins
Citrons	Quinces
Dairy Products	Rhubarb
Dried Fruits	Sheep (in the foothills)
Ducks	Squash
Eggs	Sweet Potatoes
Egyptian Corn	Tobacco
Figs	Tomatoes
Guavas	Turkeys
Geese	Vegetables (every kind grown)
Goats (in the high hills)	Walnuts
Grapes (table and raisin)	Wheat
Hay (all kinds)	Yams
	Zante Currants

SUMMARY—ESTIMATE.

1,000,000 fruit trees of various kinds in the entire tract.
40,000 rose-bushes along boulevard.
10,000 rose-bushes on private grounds.
60,000 ornamental trees and shrubs on the boulevard.
15,000 ornamental trees and shrubs in the townsites.
10,000 ornamental trees and shrubs in private grounds—

Where, only a very few years ago, there was to be found only wide grain-growing expanses, scattering native oak trees, a few eucalypti, some vines and an occasional ornamental tree or bush about the headquarters of each of the six big sub-ranchos.

VI.

VINDICATION AND FULFILLMENT FOLLOW TRIUMPH.

"ALL'S well that ends well." The property-owning, taxpaying citizens of Los Angeles were the ones who finally settled the fate of the San Fernando Valley irrigation project. The decision that means so much to both Los Angeles and the valley was written at that court of last appeal, the polls, and it was a public verdict from which the agitators have no appeal.

First, the voters of the city decided that annexation should be a necessary step toward the securing of any part of the aqueduct surplus by outside territory. Then they decreed that 100,000 acres in the San Fernando Valley, including the vast area here particularly described, should be permitted to come into the municipal fold. This meant that the owners of the land could have their share of the surplus water under the fair terms laid down to all districts so situated as to fit logically into a general irrigation scheme. The principal condition was that the areas desiring water should agree to construct their own pipe lines and laterals and to pay for the water.

The people of a large part of the valley had knocked at the municipal door and had made all preparations for the favorable reception which they were finally to receive by voting $2,500,000 in bonds for the construction of an irrigation system. Out of the total area annexed in the valley, a district of some 76,000 acres has complied with the conditions under which water is made available. This district will start laying pipe lines as soon as its bonds can be marketed.

Eleven thousand acres more will be included in the valley irrigation scheme as soon as the so-called Mission district has voted bonds to cover the cost of its share of the greater project.

Thus it may be said that the struggles and delays in the fulfillment of the $30,000,000 Owens River enterprise are practically over. The points so long contended for by thoughtful and far-seeing men and women have at last been achieved. The aqueduct is to be made to pay its dividends to the public that built it.

Ahead of Time.

It is estimated that it will take a year and a half for the valley people to complete their pipe lines after they have been started. Many learned with surprise recently that the aqueduct, besides supplying a large portion of the city with water for domestic uses, is now actually pouring some of its surplus upon the fertile lands of the valley. The amount of land being supplied is small by comparison with the area to be irrigated when the pipe lines are ready, but by the revenue that is now being received the city is just that much ahead.

Some months ago William Mulholland, the famous engineer whose genius and perseverance had so much to do with making the aqueduct possible, conceived the idea of constructing a temporary ditch from the edge of the San Fernando Reservoir to the Chatsworth district, in order that a large amount of water that was regularly being wasted might be put to some use. Two huge ditch machines were started toward each other from opposite ends of the course determined upon. Within two weeks there had been completed an open ditch ten feet wide, two and a half feet deep and eight miles long.

The Zelzah Canal, as this temporary ditch is called, has been delivering water over many hundreds of acres of land for several weeks past. Used to its capacity, as it will be after all the various owners within its zone of gravity have constructed the necessary laterals, the canal will make possible the irrigation of over 10,000 acres, which, at the cent-an-inch-an-hour rate established by the Council, will bring in a handsome revenue to the city.

Much of the Zelzah Canal supply is now being received on the former Van Nuys-Lankershim lands, to which also is being brought a supply through the ditch constructed two years ago to carry off the winter flood waters from the reservoir, and which is now being made to serve as an open main through the mid-valley region. Through temporary ditches and laterals the lands of the tract developed by the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company are now getting over 2000 inches of water. Open laterals have been made or are being made to cover about 5000 acres.

Laterals Permanent.

Not content with waiting for the starting of the general system, the Suburban Homes Company, in conjunction with other owners and cultivators in the tract, began recently the installation of six miles of steel lateral pipe to tap the Franklin Canyon main. This will eventually be a part of the permanent valley system. The expense is being met by the land owners themselves, an understanding having been reached by which the money advanced will be repaid out of the general valley bond funds. At least 10,000 acres will thus be brought under irrigation within a short time.

Both the pipe line and open-ditch plans will undoubtedly be amplified as time goes on, with the result that the city will be getting good returns on its aqueduct investment much in advance of the time at which any substantial revenue had been anticipated. With the completion of the great valley pipe system itself, it is now confidently believed that the annual tax burden of $1,500,000, representing the aqueduct carrying charges, can be lifted from the shoulders of the property owners of the city. Eventually, when other adjacent lands shall have been taken into the city, there will be a handsome profit in the municipal treasury.

And even as all has ended well for the city, so have things turned out to the advantage of the investors in the valley lands. The opportunities existing therein before the aqueduct surplus was ever made available were most unusual. Now that an all-year-around water supply has been assured, there is scarcely any limit to the possibilities of the region.

Strictly Aboveboard.

In this connection it is well to mention a phase of the Suburban Homes Company's development policy in the valley. When the men who subdivided the 47,500-acre Van Nuys-Lankershim holding first put the old ranch lands on the market, they laid down certain laws to all their selling agents. One of these was that the lands should not be represented as citrus ground, and another and most vigorously enforced stipulation was that no broker should make any promises or suggestions whatsoever that Owens River water would ever be guaranteed for the tract. The same orders applied to all the authorized advertising.

Notwithstanding the scrupulous representations made to all buyers that the lands were not offered for citrus fruit growing generally, it is, nevertheless, a fact that large areas in the San Fernando Valley are suitable for the growing of oranges and lemons. This is particularly true of the lands immediately adjacent to the Old Mission, where these fruits are produced of fine quality and in large quantities. There are also protected canyons along the southern side of the valley where the same fruits will thrive; and in the western end, adjacent to the Calabasas region, is a very considerable tract, the adaptability of which to citrus fruit growing has been demonstrated.

Intending purchasers were shown orchards, beet fields and gardens flourishing on the tract, entirely without irrigation. The enormous grain yields of a generation were cited as unquestionable proof of the fertility of the soil. The necessity for proper and tried methods of cultivation and the sure results flowing from them were emphasized. Equal stress was laid upon the proximity of the tract to Los Angeles and its dependable markets, the consequent certainty of the area's becoming an important and well-settled farming suburb, and the high-class character of the improvements made by the subdividers themselves.

The present impressive state of development of the tract gives a convincing insight into what would have been its future possibilities even had the momentous events and opportunities associated with its annexation to the city, and the assurance of an inexhaustible supply from the aqueduct surplus, never entered as factors into the valley's progress.

The ability of the re-purchasers of the land to have met for all time to come all really vital water problems, had it been necessary, has, in fact, been conclusively demonstrated. As things have turned out, their reasonable and natural expectations of profit under the conditions prevailing when they first bought have, of course, been enhanced incalculably. The certainty of the aqueduct water may be aptly called a bonus of good luck to which all the investors in the Suburban Homes Company's lands have fallen heir.

What Might Have Been.

Contrasted with the satisfactory conditions now prevailing in the old valley land domain, it is interesting and instructive to revert to what might have been had the five original purchasers been otherwise than sincere in their profession of a desire to make the tract a vast community of small farms and homes. The men who bought the six great ranchos at the city's northern gateway might have retained the entire holding indefinitely in their own hands, had they been of a mind to make it a monopolistic venture, as was so freely charged by the opponents of the valley irrigation project. They could, had they so desired, have blocked, instead of furthering, the future development of the San Fernando Valley, by handling the lands as a stupendous private enterprise, even as the sellers of the property had done before them, and which way, in justice to them be it said, was in fact the only practicable way in which large bodies of California lands could be handled in those early days when there were few "settlers" and fewer "settlements."

As it is, thousands of owners and developers, instead of the few who bought the tract a half decade ago, will enjoy the benefits accruing from the valley's progress, and the project will become an asset of ever-growing importance to the whole public of Los Angeles.

VII.

CEILO AZUL.

TO PREDICT the future of these old-time valley ranchos, which have already so signally come into their own, would appear to be easy. Nothing short of a cataclysm entirely beyond human prediction could stop the progress that is being made in this old empire of the soil.

Not one of the difficulties that presented themselves to the subdividers of the vast holding now exist. Skepticism, incredulity and even ridicule met many of the early efforts of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company. The proposed transformation of the barley ranchos of the valley into a suburb of the city was too much for the average man to grasp half a decade ago. The actual acomplishments of a few short years have completely and effectually silenced all such prejudice.

There is absolutely no limit to the development possibilities of the region, now that the right to the use of the aqueduct surplus has been secured by these and other lands. This is made all the more apparent by the results which have been achieved entirely without irrigation. The future of the tract seemed bright enough before the windfall that came with the annexation election had been added to the valley's expectations. Now anything short of the most roseate destiny has become literally inconceivable.

As a farming and orchard suburb at the very back door of Los Angeles, the tract, with its rich soil, its cheap and abundant water supply, its incomparable climate and its urban improvements, will attract an ever-increasing host of investors and settlers. Possessing everything that makes city life worth living, and only minutes instead of hours away from the bright lights of downtown Los Angeles, this part of the newly annexed district will be the real land of opportunity for the commuter who wants to bring his family up in the out-of-doors.

With the certainty of a limitless and steady market at his very elbow, the man who wishes to get all or part of his living from the soil will find the old ranch lands the garden suburb of his dreams. For Los Angeles the tract will constitute an unfailing source of agricultural and horticultural production.

Only the Beginning.

Some of the wealth-producing possibilities of this outlying municipal territory so recently added to Los Angeles are only now beginning to be realized. The former Van Nuys-Lankershim tract has already become in the course of its miraculous transformation one of the two most important poultry centers in Southern California. Now there is every indication that it is to become a leading source of supply for milk and butter as well.

Moderate-sized dairy farms are being established in suitable locations in all parts of the tract, and the district can even now make an impressive exhibit of high-grade live stock. The foothills especially appear to offer a field for this industry, and with the proposed enlargement of the irrigation zone to take in the slopes at the valley's rim, lands such as these, that have never before been utilized, are bound to be developed. The same may be said of the hog industry, for nowhere do porkers do better than on some of the new stock farms of the San Fernando Valley.

The certainty of rich returns from other important industries having their basis in the soil has been clearly demonstrated in the tract, but the time has been too short to have tried them all on anything like a broad scale. With the possible exception of citrus fruits, all the higher priced crops successfully produced in other parts of Southern California can be raised to advantage on the land. Comparatively high-priced, as they must of necessity be, the lands of the old ranchos can be made to produce wealth untold in those crops that bring the highest profits. In the nature of the case, it will be the policy of sagacious cultivators not to devote high-priced lands to the production of low-priced crops.

The land owner with sufficient money, application and "savvy" can accomplish in the San Fernando Valley everything that has heretofore been achieved in the most favored spots of the Southland.

Foothill Estates.

At the southern edge of the valley the State Highway skirts a chain of rolling hills and alluring slopes extending from Cahuenga Pass to Calabasas. These wooded elevations, beautiful enough in their native state, are sure to become in the next few years an esthetic asset of great value to the city of Los Angeles. This portion, some 3000 acres in area, is in a sense a separate tract, though a part of the whole.

A score of wide canyons and innumerable ravines of lesser breadth, all dotted with oaks and sycamores, break into the smiling landscape, winding around rounded knolls and opening onto surpassing panoramas of the valley beyond. In these leafy retreats and against these wooded shoulders, men of means and artistic perception are establishing beautiful country estates, which, as they multiply and spread through the hills, will form a source of never-ending delight to travelers along the new city boulevard that was once the dusty old Ventura road. Here is to be the Foothill Suburb Beautiful of Los Angeles.

Ten Years Hence.

Tens of thousands of persons will have established their homes on the lands of the old valley grain empire before Los Angeles is a decade older. Sightly residences and bungalows will line every boulevard and street. Small farms and gardens will touch edge to edge along tree-bordered roads. Mansions imposing and picturesque will look down upon the whole suburban vale from wooded clefts and terraces in the foothills.

Industries now undreamed of will flourish. Wealth fabulous by present-day standards will have piled up with the intensive utilization of the rich valley soil. Splendid institutions will stand as monuments to culture and progress. Then it is that Los Angeles will look back upon the beginnings of the great valley development work, so ably carried forward by a mere handful of men, as upon a distinct epoch in her history.

How the Aqueduct was Conceived and Constructed, and is Now Put to Work.

Fulfillment.

WATER, AND ITS PART IN BUILDING A GREAT CITY.

People Beginning to Realize on Their Investments as Domestic Supply is Assured and a Hundred Thousand Acres of Land are Supplied for Irrigating Purposes with Profit to All Concerned.

A COLOSSAL ENGINEERING WORK SKILLFULLY COMPLETED.

[Authorized and Approved Description.]

WITH the waters from Owens Valley spread, or about to be spread, over 100,000 acres of land in territory contiguous to the aqueduct that brings it here, and an ample supply for domestic purposes assured for a city many times greater than Los Angeles now is, the people who had the courage and the foresight to make the heavy investment required are beginning to reap the profits.

Trunk lines are being constructed in San Fernando Valley, and in some portions laterals have been completed and the water put on the land. The city's otherwise inadequate supply has been augmented, not only to serve the urban districts to which, up to this year, the Los Angeles water department was confined, but the consumers of eighteen other systems. These, until recently owned by private companies, have now nearly all been taken over by the city.

I.

THE NEED OF A WATER SUPPLY.

The construction of the aqueduct that brings the waters of Owens River across 250 miles of desolate and rugged country to the city of Los Angeles has set a new standard of public service for American municipalities. No other public work at all comparable in magnitude to the aqueduct has been accomplished within the limits of cost and time fixed by the engineers in their first estimates. It is not an exaggeration to say that the builders of the aqueduct have established a world's record of efficiency and economy. They promised that the work should be done in five years and water delivered at the San Fernando reservoir at a cost of $23,000,000. They began work in 1908, and they brought the water to San Fernando in 1913 at a cost within the original estimate.

For several years the men upon whom rested the responsibility of providing the city of Los Angeles with sufficient water for her people sought in vain for sources of permanent supply equal to prospective demands. The necessity for additional supply was made plain to the Water Commissioners in 1904, when for ten days in July the daily consumption of water exceeded the inflow into the reservoirs by nearly 4,000,000 gallons. Excessive consumption was checked by the use of meters, and some small additions to the supply were obtained from wells, but the rapid increase of the city's population made such relief only temporary, and the board was confronted by a problem of serious proportions. The board imposed upon Engineers William Mulholland, J. B. Lippincott and O. K. Parker the task of gathering data and finding a solution of the problem, and their report in 1905 showed the hopelessness of seeking relief in any watershed south of the Tehachepi.

There is water under the ground of all the coastal plain in which the city stands, but it is not an inexhaustible reservoir, and the drafts made upon the underflow by the pumps of thousands of farms and orchards were found to be steadily lowering the plane of saturation. To take more water for the city from the underground reservoir would stop the development of the surrounding country and set a limit to the growth of Los Angeles. The engineers were forced to the conclusion that nowhere in the basin south of the Tehachepi range and west of the San Bernardino could Los Angeles obtain any considerable flow of water without taking it from the lands which produce the wealth of Southern California. They said in their report to the board:

"It must be constantly borne in mind that within this valley of Southern California the prosperity of any single community depends largely upon the prosperity of the surrounding communities. No city, no county, no enterprise stands alone in this regard. The city of Los Angeles will not build wisely for the future if it builds at the expense of any of the contiguous agricultural areas. With but one-fourth of the irrigable acreage of the coastal plain now under irrigation, and abundant evidence available that the ground waters, which furnish the greater portion of the supply used in this irrigation, are already being subjected to overdrafts, it is evident that the city cannot permanently enter the field and subject the basin to further extensive drafts, which must continually increase as our city expands, without seriously interfering with the growth of one of our most promising agricultural regions."

In estimating the future needs of the city, the engineers assumed a rate of growth based upon the average for the ten preceding years, and predicted an increase from 200,000 in 1905 to 250,000 in 1912 and 390,000 in 1925. Assuming a reduction of average consumption of water, by the use of meters, to 150 gallons a day for each inhabitant, the city would require in 1925 a supply of ninety second-feet, or more than 58,000,000 gallons a day, which is more than double the minimum flow of the Los Angeles River and ten second-feet in excess of the recorded maximum flow at The Narrows.

The city, however, failed to keep within the limits of the growth diagram drawn by the engineers, and by 1910, as shown by the Federal census, its population had reached the figure set by them for 1918, viz: 319,000. According to the diagram in the report of the engineers, the city would have a population of half a million in the year 1936. As a matter of fact, it reached that stage of growth in 1913. Fortunately, a seven-year period of abundant rain brought the flow of the Los Angeles River up from the forty second-feet of 1905 to seventy second-feet in 1911, nearly doubling the city's supply from that source.

Heavy draughts were made by pumps upon the ground waters, lowering the water plane from six to nine feet, and the per capita consumption was decreased by the extended use of meters to 138 gallons a day. Because of the series of wet seasons and the resort to the temporary expedient of robbing the agricultural lands of the coastal plain of their ground waters, the city escaped a water famine during the period of its wonderful growth, but there was no margin of safety, and the lowering of the ground water plane confirmed the judgment of the Water Board and its engineers in seeking other sources of supply.

II.

INCEPTION OF THE PROJECT.

Early in 1905 a solution of the water problem was suggested to Water Superintendent Mulholland by Fred Eaton, who had been City Engineer and Mayor of Los Angeles. Mr. Eaton had interests in Inyo county, and for many years had been making extended trips through the valley of Owens River, which lies between the Sierra Nevada and ranges of desert mountains on the eastern state line. In the valley Mr. Eaton had seen vast floods of water pouring wastefully from the Sierra snowfields into Owens Lake, a dead sea of the Inyo desert, where hundreds of thousands of years of evaporation and condensation had produced a saturated solution of soda salts, and he had wished that those floods could be made available to the great city which he saw growing in the Southland.

On his journeys to and from the valley, Mr. Eaton studied the country with the eye of an engineer, and he saw that in some past geologic period the river flowing for 100 miles along the eastern foot of the Sierra had been a great torrent, swinging around the end of the range and pouring into the basin of the Mojave desert. Volcanic action had cut off the flow by throwing a barrier across the south end of Owens Valley and forming the enclosed basin in which the lake lies. But the barrier was low, and below it the old stream route was still open to within a few miles of the Southern California plain, the only obstacle being the range of mountains north of Los Angeles.

Confident that a constantly descending route for the river could be found, Mr. Eaton made surveys from Owens Valley to the mountains north of the city, and proved the practicability of his dream.

Mr. Mulholland studied the problem in detail, going over the line alone and making a rough survey with an aneroid and a pocket level, keeping the purpose of his frequent trips into the desert a secret from all but the Water Board until he had satisfied himself that he had found a feasible route for an aqueduct. He plotted an approximate line upon the detailed topographic maps of the United States Geological Survey and determined the lengths of open canal, covered conduit, tunnels and siphons that would be required, located reservoirs and calculated quantities of material to be moved and placed, and made an estimate of cost that was confirmed later by thorough instrumental surveys and minute calculations. He then made a report to the Water Board and outlined an aqueduct and reservoir system, which he estimated would cost, including the purchase of land and water rights, about $25,000,000.

Mr. Mulholland realized that the board would rely upon his judgment as an engineer, and that upon him would rest the responsibility of committing the city to a stupendous enterprise. If he should make a serious error in his judgment of the engineering practicability of the project or in his estimate of cost, professional ruin would befall him. It required sure knowledge of conditions, genius in designing plans and great courage in accepting responsibility. Mulholland "made good" in all.

In August, 1905, on his return from the Owens River Valley, Mr. Mulholland took into his confidence Mr. J. O. Koepfli, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and stated to him that he had found in the Owens River Valley a source of supply that would furnish Los Angeles with all the water that it would ever need. President Koepfli immediately took the matter up with the board of directors of the Chamber, and in conjunction with other commercial bodies sent a special committee, consisting of H. C. Witmer, M. Lissner and Fred A. Hines, to the Owens River Valley to make a personal investigation, especially with reference to the quality of the water. This committee obtained samples of the water and had them analyzed both at the State University and in Los Angeles.

As soon as this investigation was completed an election was called to vote $1,500,000 in bonds for the purchase of land and water rights in the Owens River Valley, the Chamber of Commerce strongly urging the people to vote the bonds.

The Owens River project was made known to the people of Los Angeles in July, 1905, and was received with enthusiastic approval as the only practicable and adequate answer to the most vital question confronting the city. The Water Board asked the city to issue bonds for $1,500,000 for the purchase of lands and water and the inauguration of work on the aqueduct, and on September 7, 1905, by a vote of 10,787 to 755, the citizens of Los Angeles approved the bonds and indorsed the Owens River project.

In November, 1906, the city employed three of the most eminent hydraulic engineers in the United States to examine and report on the project. The consulting engineers were Frederick P. Stearns, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and member of the Isthmian Canal Commission; John R. Freeman, the greatest specialist in hydraulics in the country, and James D. Schuyler, builder of the largest dams in the West, and an engineer of wide experience.

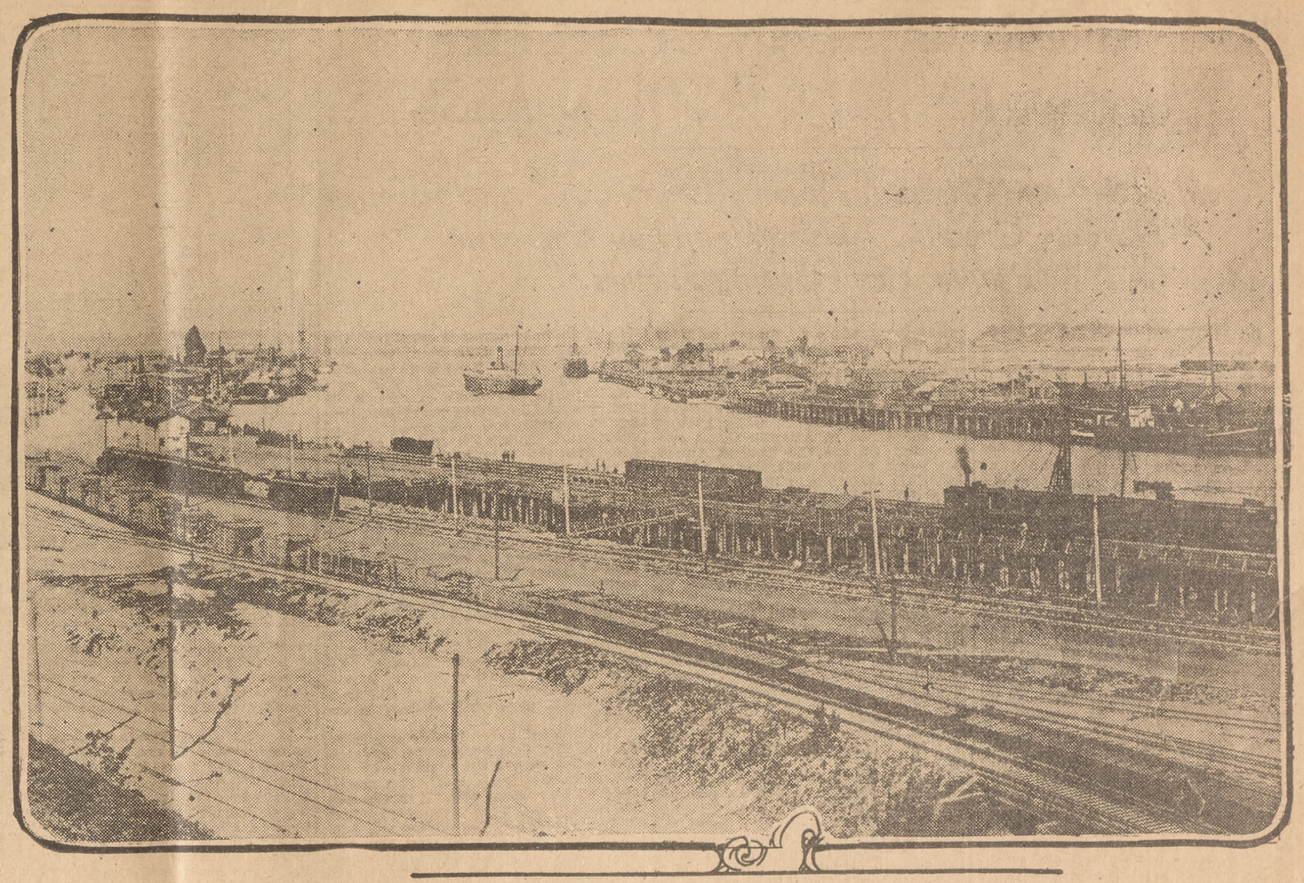
The Consulting Board made its report on December 25, 1906, showing that a supply of 20,000 miners' inches of water could be obtained from Owens Valley, and that the cost of building an aqueduct to bring it to San Fernando, including purchases of land and water rights, would be $24,485,600.

III.

BONDS VOTED BY THE PEOPLE.

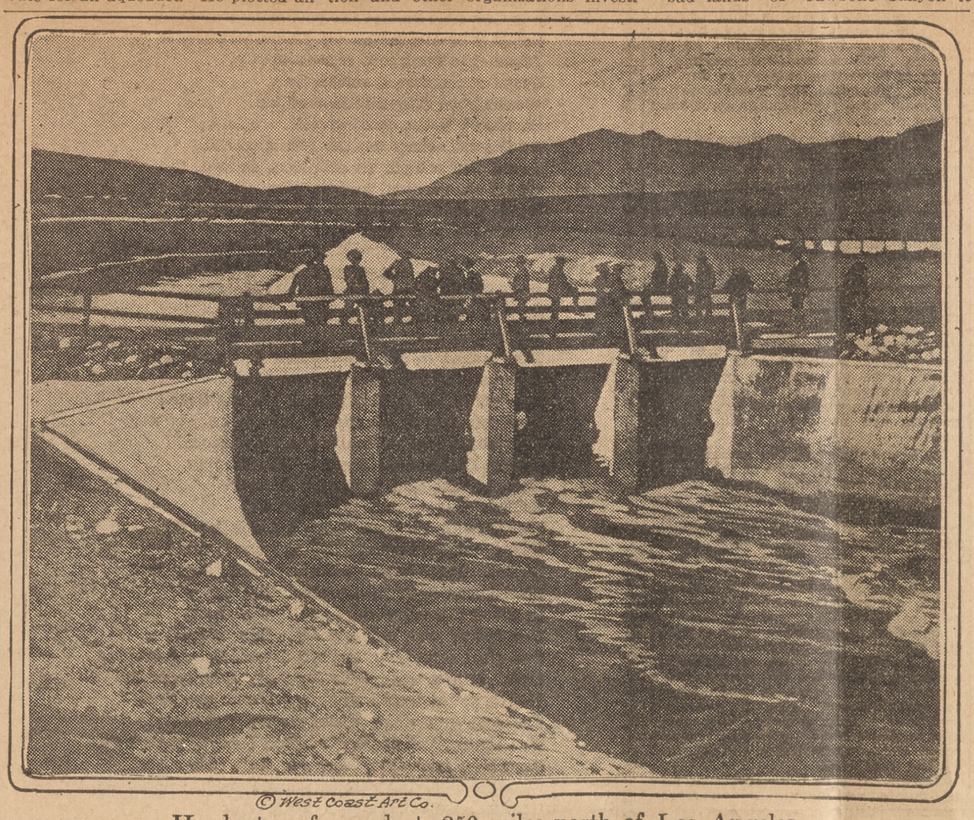
In 1907, the question of issuing bonds for $23,000,000 for the construction of the Owens River Aqueduct was submitted to the people by the City Council, and a campaign of education was carried on by the civic and commercial bodies and the press. The Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and other organizations investigated the project thoroughly, the Mayor and Council scrutinized it in detail, engineers studied it and reported their conclusions, and on June 13, 1907, the people of Los Angeles indorsed the project by voting in favor of the bond issue. The vote was in the ratio of ten to one.

From the time of the first issue of bonds, the aqueduct project ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Water Board and came under control of the Board of Public Works, which was composed in 1907 of James A. Anderson, Albert A. Hubbard and David K. Edwards. However, because of the great public confidence in the Board of Water Commissioners and their special knowledge of the subject, the Board of Public Works consulted and co-operated with the Water Board, and all important actions were taken as the result of joint conferences. An Advisory Committee was appointed by the two boards to handle details and organize the working force of the aqueduct. This committee consisted of the president of the Board of Public Works, president of the Water Board, Chief Engineer Mulholland, Assistant Chief Engineer J. B. Lippincott and Attorney W. B. Mathews. Some changes in the personnel of the Board of Public Works occurred during the progress of the work. President Anderson retired and was succeeded by Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, and Mr. Edwards was succeeded by W. M. Humphreys. In 1912, Gen. Chaffee and Mr. Humphreys retired and Lorin A. Handley and Edward Johnson took their places.



The busy port of Los Angeles.

Expenditures by the government and the municipality for dredging, docks and warehouses have been fully justified by the enormous increase of maritime commerce since the opening of the Panama Canal and the making of Los Angeles Harbor a port of call for scores of steamships.



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Headgates of aqueduct, 250 miles north of Los Angeles,

and eleven miles north of the town of Independence. The photograph was taken when the first sixty-eight miles of the aqueduct was dedicated.

IV.

PLAN OF CONSTRUCTION.

The general plan of the aqueduct, as outlined by Mulholland and approved by the Advisory Board of Engineers, subject to such modifications and changes of location as might be found advisable during the progress of the work, was as follows: An intake on Owens River about thirty-five miles north of the point where the river empties into Owens Lake; an open canal of 900 second-feet capacity through Owens Valley, twenty-three miles unlined and thirty-seven miles lined with concrete, to Haiwee reservoir, at an elevation of 200 feet above the level of Owens Lake; Haiwee reservoir, to accumulate and store the waters of the river and of intercepted streams flowing down the east side of the Sierra Nevada, having a capacity of 63,800 acre-feet, or 20,000,000,000 gallons; from Haiwee to Little Lake, fifteen miles of lined and covered conduit of 410 second-feet capacity; Little Lake to Indian Wells, twenty-four miles of conduit, tunnels and siphon pipes; Indian Wells to Red Rock summit, twenty miles of conduit, flumes and siphon; Red Rock through the "bad lands" of Jawbone Canyon to the Mojave desert, nearly nineteen miles of tunnels, siphons and conduit; through the Mojave desert to the west end of Antelope Valley, sixty-eight miles, mostly of concrete conduit; reservoir at Fairmont to regulate delivery of water through pressure tunnel; Elizabeth Lake tunnel, 25,000 feet; power drops in San Francisquito Canyon; tunnels, siphons, flumes and conduit to San Fernando reservoir, fifteen miles; total, 225.87 miles, exclusive of reservoirs and power water ways.

A vast amount of preparatory work had to precede aqueduct construction, and that was begun in the fall of 1907. It was believed by the engineers that the time of completion of the aqueduct would be controlled by the driving of the longest tunnel, and, therefore, the portals of the Elizabeth tunnel were opened simultaneously with the beginning of preparatory work along the line; but with that exception no permanent work was begun until October, 1908. Crews were organized and camps established in September, but construction dates from October 1, 1908.

In the first eleven months twenty-two miles of tunnel were driven, sixteen miles of cement conduit completed, four miles of open canal in Owens Valley dug, and a rate of progress established that would have brought the water into the San Fernando reservoirs in the fall of 1912 had there been no delay in providing funds.

Before work could be begun on the aqueduct, it was necessary to build roads and trails, power plants, telegraph and telephone lines, and provide water supply for camps established along 150 miles of waterless desert.

Included in this work were 215 miles of road, 230 miles of pipe line, 218 miles of power transmission line and 377 miles of telegraph and telephone line. Fifty-seven camps were established along the line of work, most of them in the mountains, and good roads made to reach them. Some of the roads challenge comparison with the finest mountain roads in California, and all of them are better than the stage roads existing in the desert before the city began its work.

In the acquisition of water rights and for operation, maintenance and protection of the aqueduct, the Board of Public Works bought 124,929 acres of land in the drainage basin of Owens River, 4300 acres near Tehachepi, sixty-nine acres for yards at Mojave and 5818 acres for reservoir sites; total, 135,116 acres, exclusive of canal rights of way. This is an area three times the size of the island of Catalina and double the total area of the city of Los Angeles.

V.

TUNNELS DRIVEN AT HIGH SPEED

World's records for speed, efficiency and economy were made by the tunnel drivers on the aqueduct. The American record for hard-rock tunnel driving—604 feet in one month—is blazoned above the south portal of the Elizabeth Lake tunnel. This bore through the mountain, 26,870 feet in length, 10x12 feet in diameter, and having a capacity of 1000 cubic feet of water per second, or 27,000,000 gallons an hour, was driven and lined for two-thirds of the estimated cost and in two-thirds of the time allotted by the board of consulting engineers. The excavation work was in charge of John Gray at the north end of the tunnel and W. C. Aston at the south end. The average progress for the two headings was 22.1 feet, or a little better than eleven feet per day for each end.

When this tunnel work was started it was estimated that a reasonable progress for each end would be eight feet per day with three eight-hour shifts, and a bonus schedule was adopted by the Board of Public Works which provided that each man working in the tunnel would receive a bonus of 40 cents for each foot that this schedule was exceeded. This bonus was paid in addition to the regular wages, the men receiving these wages whether the bonus schedule was exceeded or not, and the bonus being distinctly a reward for extra exertion. The effect of the bonus was to increase the daily wage of the men about 30 per cent. and to decrease the cost of driving per foot from 10 to 15 per cent. There was a further saving to the city in expedition of the work and in early release of equipment for use elsewhere.

From the south portal, 13,500 feet of tunnel were driven, and from the north portal, 13,370 feet. The average rate of progress at the south portal was 11.11 feet per day; at the north portal, after the connection was made through to the shaft, the average progress was 13.65 feet per day. From the portal to the end of the section driven from the north end, including delays on account of shaft and cave-ins, the average progress was eleven feet per day. The average progress for the two headings for the 1215 days' work was 22.1 feet, or a little better than eleven feet per day for each end. The connection was made of the two headings on February 28, 1911, after the expiration of forty months of work.

A noteworthy record was made in driving the Red Rock tunnel. This tunnel is in an indurated sand or soft sandstone, and is 10,596 feet in length. Excavation was started on May 27, 1909, and completed January 24, 1910.

The Red Rock tunnel crew raced with the Swiss drivers of the Loetchberg tunnel for the world's record, and won it. In August, 1909, the Swiss broke their own previous record by driving 1013 feet, working with four air drills in one heading. Tom Flannigan's crew at Red Rock, working with hand drills in one heading, drove 1061 feet. The hard-rock men in the Elizabeth tunnel raced with the government crew on the Gunnison tunnel, and beat them. There are 158 tunnels, aggregating 51.92 miles in length, in the aqueduct.

The aqueduct passes through the mountains of Jawbone division in a series of tunnels of varying length, connected by short stretches of conduit, and crossing the deeper and wider canyons in inverted steel siphons. The Jawbone division consists of 12.07 miles of tunnel, 7.47 miles of conduit, .04 of a mile of flume, and 2.2 miles of steel siphon. The Jawbone siphon is the most imposing piece of work on the aqueduct. Its total length is 8136 feet, and it varies from 7 feet 6 inches to 10 feet in diameter. The steel plate of which this pipe is built is 1⅛ inches thick in the heaviest section. The maximum head on the pipe is 850 feet, and its total weight is 3243 tons. It is the most noteworthy pipe in the United States.

The longest siphon on the aqueduct is the pipe crossing Antelope Valley. It is 21,767 feet in length, and up to heads of eighty feet is built of concrete, the remaining 15,597 feet being steel pipe. The concrete and steel pipes are both ten feet in diameter. The maximum head on this siphon is 200 feet and the weight of the steel is 3324 tons.

There are ninety-eight miles of covered conduit south of the Haiwee reservoir. The covering was not included in the original estimate of the board of engineers, but it was a part of Mulholland's plan. Mulholland never had any idea of leaving the conduit through the desert uncovered. He said he would save enough on the tunnels to pay for the cover, and he did. The covering cost more than a million dollars.

VI.

THE HAIWEE AND MINOR RESERVOIRS.

The first reservoir on the line is at Haiwee, seven miles south of Owens Lake. It is located in a pass and is formed by two dams seven and a half miles apart. The elevation of the high water in the Haiwee reservoir is 3764 feet. The area of the water surface is 2100 acres, and the capacity of the reservoir is 63,800 acre-feet, or enough water to run the full capacity of the aqueduct for eighty days.

The length of the North Haiwee dam is 1890 feet, the maximum height forty-six feet, and width on top twenty feet, and it contains more than 200,000 cubic yards of earth. The maximum depth of water against this north dam is thirty-six feet.

The South Haiwee dam is 1523 feet long and 91 feet high, and contains 559,750 yards of earth. The dam has slopes of 2½ horizontal to 1 vertical on each side, with a top width of 20 feet, and a maximum width at its base of 450 feet. At this point, on account of the depth of water, a core-wall was put down to bedrock, a maximum depth of 120 feet, at a cost of $70,000.

The outlet from the reservoir is through a tunnel 1193 feet long and 10 feet in diameter in the clear, which has been driven through the west abutment. There is a submerged canal in the reservoir site 700 feet in length from the north portal of this tunnel to the lowest point in the reservoir. The gate-tower is a concrete structure 80 feet in height, and 21 feet outside diameter. It contains large gates placed at different elevations to regulate the outflow of water.

The Fairmont reservoir is intended not only as a safeguard in the shape of a storage supply 200 miles from the intake, but also as a means for regulating the hourly fluctuation of water through the power plants located below, to meet peak load conditions. The capacity of the conduit into this reservoir is 420 cubic feet per second, but the outlet tunnel from the reservoir to the power plant has a capacity of 1000 cubic feet per second. This will permit the discharge of this large volume of water in the few hours of the day during which the maximum demand exists for electric energy, and the decrease of the flow of water to a minimum amount during the night hours, when the demand for power is relatively small. The capacity of the Fairmont reservoir at the 3035-foot elevation is 7620 acre-feet. The dam has a maximum center height of 115 feet, and contains 607,114 cubic yards. It is built of earth with a concrete core-wall.

The Dry Canyon dam on the Saugus division is 528 feet long, has a center height of 61 feet and contains 140,000 cubic yards of earth. The Dry Canyon reservoir has a storage capacity of 1325 acre-feet, and its province is to regulate back to uniformity the irregular flow that may be discharged through the power plants.

The San Fernando reservoirs, into which the water is delivered from the aqueduct for distribution to the city and contiguous territory, have a storage capacity of 36,600 acre-feet, or enough to furnish a full supply for a month and a half in case of breaks in the line above.

The city also owns a reservoir site in Long Valley, in the northerly portion of the drainage basin of Owens River, having a tributary watershed of 391 square miles. If this reservoir should be constructed, the flow line would be at an elevation of 6810 feet, the area of its water surface would be 8686 acres, and its storage capacity would be 340,980 acre-feet. This would call for a dam 520 feet long on top and 160 feet in height. A structure of this character would make this one of the most notable storage reservoirs in the United States. It may be found desirable to build this Long Valley reservoir when the complete flow of the aqueduct has been utilized. In this event, its province would be to hold over a water supply from years of excessive flow for such years of drouth as may occur once in a generation.

A second great reservoir site is controlled by the city at a point about six miles north of the intake of the canal. This is known as the Tinemaha reservoir site. Its flow-line would be at an elevation of 3887 feet. The area of its water surface would be 7074 acres, and its storage capacity would be 127,425 acre-feet, with an earthen dam 40 feet high. This reservoir site has the advantage of being situated near the intake of the canal, and the city owns continuously both sides of the river from the dam site to the intake, thus offering protection from trespass any waters which might be discharged from it.

The capacity of the Long Valley reservoir would be sufficient to furnish a continuous flow of the full aqueduct for a period of 427 days, and the Tinemaha reservoir, with the height of dam given, for a period of 159 days.

In addition to this, eleven wells have been put down in the bottom lands of Owens Valley along the line of the canal, and ten of these have struck artesian water. This body of underground and artesian water in Owens Valley is about fifty miles in length, and is largely controlled by the city.

More than six million pounds of blasting powder was used by the builders of the aqueduct, and yet only five men were killed in accidents in underground work.

Electric power to drive dredges, excavators, drills, machinery in shops and cement mills, and to light the camps and tunnels, was developed in plants installed on Division Creek near the intake, and on Cottonwood Creek near the lower end of Owens Valley. High voltage lines transmitted the power along the line to the mill at Monolith. Power for work in San Francisquito Canyon was taken from the Kern River line, which passes through the canyon.

In San Francisquito Canyon, two drops, aggregating 1500 feet, are to be used to develop about 112,000 horse power of electrical energy, from the sale and use of which the city may derive a large revenue.

In April, 1910, the city voted three and a half million dollars for the construction of power plants in the San Francisquito Canyon and elsewhere, and for the building of related electric works. The validity of the bonds was questioned, and the courts appealed to. This involved a delay in the building of hydraulic works in the San Francisquito until the State Supreme Court should pass on the matter. A decision of the Supreme Court was rendered in June, 1911, sustaining the contentions of the city and establishing the validity of the bonds, and the work was begun under direction of the Board of Public Works and not as a part of the aqueduct, although the conduit used for the generation of power will also be essential for the conveyance of the water to the city of Los Angeles as a portion of the aqueduct.

VII.

The maximum capacity of the power plants that have been and may be installed along the line is as follows:

	H. P.
Division Creek	800
Cottonwood Creek	8,600
Haiwee	6,150
San Francisquito	112,800
San Fernando	9,685
Total	138,035

Water was turned into the Los Angeles mains July 22 of last year, and ever since the Owens Valley supply has been used here to augment that of the Los Angeles River.

Last month the city purchased and took over the system of the Union Hollywood Water Company, by far the largest of the eighteen systems formerly operated independently. Prior to that time the Water Department furnished a large quantity of water to prevent a shortage in the Hollywood district.

The first water for irrigation purposes in San Fernando Valley was diverted through the pipes May 26, 1915. When all the available land in the district annexed, and to be annexed, is using water for domestic and irrigating purposes, more than one-third of the total capacity of the aqueduct will be required in that district alone. The Palms district was annexed early this year, but no distributing system for irrigation has yet been built.

The Cahuenga district, even now knocking at the city's door, will require about 2000 inches of water.

The Wealth and Future Prospects of Los Angeles, the Billion-Dollar County.

A Center of Progress.

CITY AND SUBURBAN GROWTH BASED ON SOLID ASSETS.

Matchless Soil and Climate, Favored Location, Great Improved Harbor, Growing Industries and an Energetic People, Contributing Factors.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, outstripping even its own tremendous progress in the past, has grown rapidly in every direction in the past year. It is a billion-dollar county in more respects than one. The State Controller's 1914 figures fix the assessed valuation of the county at $849,991,595. This is about half the real valuation. The Los Angeles County Auditor places the value of property of all kinds in this county at more than $1,500,000,000. Los Angeles city valuation alone is close to the billion-dollar mark. Its bank clearances for 1914 were $200,000,000 in excess of a billion dollars. Los Angeles county, according to carefully compiled statistics, taken from official records, is the richest county in the United States in point of value of its farm property and its agricultural products.

The county has grown in population, buildings, extent of agricultural development and along many other lines, but its most notable recent advance has been in upbuilding its industrial and maritime business. Thirty new factories were built in Los Angeles in the past year and 100 new manufacturing industries were established. Harbor improvements, rapid as they have been, have hardly kept pace with the increased demand for shipping facilities. Business at the harbor has doubled in the past five years, and with the opening of the canal and extended trade relations, it seems certain that it will double again in less than five years.

I.

NETWORK OF PAVED HIGHWAYS.

A wondrous vista of ever-changing scenery has been opened up to the motorist by the magnificent system of paved highways in Southern California, for which the people have paid tens of millions of dollars. Beautifully fertile valleys, rugged mountains and canyons, orange groves, rose-embowered residences, large and small, and the smiling Pacific are easily accessible by many routes over thoroughfares almost as level as a floor.

Beginning many decades after Massachusetts and other States had started on their programme of scientific highway building, the people of the Southland have accorded good roads an important position, and its network of paved roads is now unsurpassed anywhere in the United States.

Los Angeles county, in the number of miles of paved ways and the amount of money invested, leads all the counties of the country, and its programme of the next year or two provides for notable additions in both scenic drives and wide, heavily-paved roads demanded by increasing traffic.

Los Angeles county, as a county, has about 450 miles of paved highways, that cost on an average $10,000 a mile. The State, which recently appropriated $18,000,000 for a highway system, has constructed seventy-five miles in this county, and its programme calls for the construction of as much more this year and next.

The municipalities have supplemented the county work with paved roads that branch out in every direction to their suburbs. Los Angeles city has an excellent system of streets, not only in its business districts but over all its broad residential tracts. Pasadena's Orange Grove avenue is world famous. The beach cities have smooth highways connecting them with each other, and with Los Angeles and several more outlets to the sea are contemplated.

Through the agricultural regions the excellence of the road systems is just as marked. Sherman Way in San Fernando Valley, built without the aid of the county, cost, with its lighting and decorative features, $600,000. Brilliantly lighted, rose bordered for sixteen miles, and for most of the distance 150 feet wide, it ranks as one of the world's greatest stretches of highway.

The State is building two great trunk lines from north to south, one to follow the coast closely and the other to traverse the central part of the State. These trunk lines will be supplemented by laterals built by the State and by numerous county roads already built or contemplated. The coast road passes through Los Angeles, and when completed will connect this city with San Diego and other populous cities to the south.

Only this week a plan to spend $3,000,000 more on county highways was indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, and the details are being worked out by the County Supervisors.

II.

"WHERE NATURE HELPS INDUSTRY MOST."

Los Angeles and Southern California are destined to be one of America's most famous manufacturing districts. We are in close proximity to a ready and ever-expanding market. A large and prosperous population is right at our doors, and by purchasing home-made products our people can save large sums of money which have heretofore been added as freight charges to the selling price of goods brought here from other localities. Our citizens take a great pride in their prolific southland country and in the products thereof. This sentiment is stronger here than in any other section of our nation, and it may be claimed with confidence that our home people will ever give preference to home-manufactured articles rather than to those of other regions, provided these commodities are properly put up, advertised and brought to their attention.

While the price of the local made article may vary from that of the imported commodity, the statement may be safely made that in the higher grades of manufactured articles, the home product invariably leads in originality, individuality and superiority. Southern California is not a land of cheap people or cheap products, and the goods fabricated here invariably possess an artistic touch and a degree of high finish that place them in a class far above that of similar articles produced in other places.

During the past year there has been a significant re-routing of world commerce. This is prophetic of the shifting of industrial centers and of the building up of new trade empires. The opening of the Panama Canal has placed Los Angeles in a position strategically unsurpassed as a port for receiving raw materials. We shall bring here the raw products of South America practically as easily as they can be placed in Atlantic Coast centers, and we are the nearest American point to the vast stores of raw materials available in the great countries bordering on the Pacific. Furthermore, we have here all the essentials necessary to successful manufacturing. With the foregoing in mind, it must, therefore, be conceded that we are to be reckoned with as a mighty industrial factor through all the years to come.

Los Angeles is today inviting the manufacturers of the world. A consistent and aggressive campaign is being carried on by the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce to build up and expand the outputs of the 2000 factories now operating in our metropolitan district, and to bring here industries not now represented and for which there is a strong demand.

As a result of the operation of the Panama Canal, competition between the manufacturers of the Middle West and those of the Atlantic Coast has become so keen that many of the former are finding it imperative to establish branch factories in this region in order to hold their business on the Pacific Coast and to make profitable distribution of their products in Pacific Coast countries. Los Angeles is the logical location for these establishments.

During the past twelve months more than a hundred new industries were located in Los Angeles and vicinity.

There is room here for manufacturing plants engaged in the following industries: Automobiles, glass, wool, varnish, boots and shoes, cotton, worsted and rubber goods, kid gloves, cotton and jute bags, paper bags, envelopes, rattan and willowware baskets, belting, leather, woven and rubber; bicycles, blacking, buttons, candles, carpets and rugs, cash registers, clocks and watches, boys' and men's clothing, cordage and twine, corsets, cutlery, dentists' materials, dyeing and finishing textiles, dyestuffs, emery and other abrasive wheels, engravers' materials, signs, chemical fire extinguishers, fruit jars, glucose, starch, glue, graphite, grindstones, haircloth, hammocks, straw hats, hosiery, horseshoes, printing inks, instruments, spikes and wire nails, jewelry and instrument cases, lasts, lead, bar, pipe and sheet, locomotives, matches, mats and matting, mucilage, needles, pins, hooks and eyes, oakum, cottonseed oil, wire cloth and linoleum, oleomargarine, paper patterns, lead pencils, fountain pens, steel pens, phonographs and graphophones, photographic apparatus and materials, tobacco pipes, safes and vaults, saws, scales and balances, wood screws, machine screws, sewing machines, silk and silk goods, silverware and plated ware, sporting and athletic goods, stationery goods, toys and games, type founding and printing materials, typewriters and supplies, upholstering materials, wall paper, washing machines and clothes wringers, wheelbarrows, whips, woolen, felt and worsted hats, smudge pots, milk and water containers, ranges and pottery.

III.

PORT'S INCREASING BUSINESS.

The most sanguine promises held out for the port of Los Angeles in precanal days have been outdone by results. The scepter of mastery over transcontinental trade has passed to the steamship companies and the farsighted confidently predict years of ascending prosperity for Los Angeles that will make it the manufacturing and shipping metropolis of the Pacific Coast.

In the six weeks immediately following the opening of the Panama Canal, 32,000 tons of merchandise from Atlantic Coast points were laid down on the wharves of this port. This was a 200 per cent. excess of the handling for any previous period of similar length. It was 65 per cent. of all tonnage moved to this city from the territory east of the Mississippi River and 75 per cent. of that from the territory east of the Alleghenies.

More significantly, it means that inbound tonnage for the year succeeding the opening of the canal, from territory tributary to New York and Boston and other Atlantic Coast ports, will approximate 300,000 tons. The total of all merchandise moved to all Pacific Coast ports from the Atlantic Coast in 1913 was but 434,115 tons.

Los Angeles Harbor is one of the greatest of the several magnificent artificial harbors of the globe. Unfinished as they are from the consideration of their eventual possibilities, the outer and inner harbors of this city are at this moment actually equipped to handle all the shipping now putting through the canal. Extra facilities, practically doubling those existing at present, are well along toward completion, making it certain that by the time the shipping of the world is again plying the seas free from the molestation of commerce destroyers, Los Angeles will be as well equipped as San Francisco, Seattle or any other Pacific Coast port to dock all the vessels that come this way, with the extra advantage of being the leading port of entry this side of the canal's outlet.

The largest of all the city's projected harbor structures to thus far reach the construction stage is the mommoth steel shed on Municipal Dock No. 1 in the outer harbor. This building, more than a third of a mile long, is undoubtedly one of the most remarkable appearing edifices in the world.

The present outer harbor municipal dock is 2520 feet long. The shed just completed stands more than 600 feet out from the land end. The second shed to be erected will fill in the gap. Later, as the need arises, provision has been made for extending the dock 1400 feet further out into the harbor, allowing for a third steel shed more than a thousand feet in length.

Standing back of the row of sheds, and separated from them by three depressed railway tracks and a forty-foot paved roadway, will be a number of municipal warehouses. One of these, a massive structure of concrete 500 feet long, 150 feet wide and six stories high, will be started at once, the plans being now in course of preparation by the engineering department of the city. This building will stand at the seaward end of the dock.

The warehouse will be the largest structure of its kind west of Chicago.

The opportunity for expansion as well as the thoroughness with which the harbor situation has been studied are revealed in the plans already perfected for enlarging the port facilities of Los Angeles as fast as the need arises. The scheme of development now being followed out along the great outer harbor municipal slip is to be practically duplicated along the main harbor channel when the growth of shipping demands it. This will be preceded by the widening of the channel itself to 1000 feet.

Railway tracks for all future outer harbor needs are contemplated in the comprehensive scheme of switching arrangements evolved by the city engineers. The tracks will continue to follow the base of the bluffs lying back of the main channel at San Pedro, spreading out fan-wise at the edge of the harbor area proper. Their number will be increased as shipping increases, the neck of level land through which the main traffic arteries pass inland being widened as extra ground is required.

The same careful provision has been made for truck service to the outer harbor wharves. Following the construction of an easy-grade viaduct from the dock level to and through a deep cut in the San Pedro bluff, the dream of a paved boulevard from the heart of Los Angeles to the edge of the harbor has been made a reality.

IV.

THE CITY'S EVER-CHANGING SKY LINE.

Los Angeles is a city of constant change. Movement, growth and progress are unceasing in this virile young metropolis of the new-old Southwest. Other cities are growing, it is true, but other cities have their periods of comparative inactivity and of settling down. Los Angeles has been persistently violating all established speed limits for municipal growth for nearly fifteen years. Constant, kaleidoscopic change might almost be said, in fact, to distinguish Los Angeles among American cities.

The phenomena of growth and transformation have become an old story to those who have lived in Los Angeles for any extended period of time. It is the periodic visitor who always expresses the greatest amazement. The year-to-year tourist can scarcely believe his eyes on reappearing in this or that familiar neighborhood. The visitor returning after an absence of three or four years often finds himself at a loss to recognize corners and blocks that were formerly landmarks to him and to readjust in his bewildered memory the locations of newly-developed districts. He who returns after a decade or more beholds a miracle.

The marvel of never-ceasing change in Los Angeles is probably most strikingly visualized in its downtown sky line. Almost literally can it be said that no photographic silhouette of this city's modern business district that might ever be widely blazoned in public print could be really up-to-date.

It was not generally known until comparatively recent years that Los Angeles had such a thing as a sky line. The world was considerably astonished in 1900 to learn that Southern California and the Southwest even boasted a city in the hundred thousand class. It took the census report to convince most people that Los Angeles was anything but an overgrown Spanish pueblo and tourist resort.

The first sky-line photographs that Los Angeles so proudly exhibited to the country, after general attention had been attracted this way, revealed a raggedness of roof contour somewhat comparable to a cross-section drawing of a comb with most of the teeth knocked out. They disclosed the illuminating fact, however, that there were those in the place who took the city's metropolitan aspirations so seriously as to believe that Los Angeles had reached the skyscraper era.

After 1900 Los Angeles was recognized as one of the promising cities of the West, but even at that, probably no one outside of Los Angeles itself was prepared for the astounding revelations of the 1910 census. The fact that Los Angeles had actually more than trebled its population in ten years, passing some of the big cities of the East and Middle West, forging ahead of Seattle and Portland and actually threatening the prestige of San Francisco as the metropolis of the Pacific Coast, was the real sensation that Uncle Sam sprang on the country when he made known the results of his head-counting. From that moment the eyes of the world have been on Los Angeles.

One must walk the streets of downtown Los Angeles to get any adequate idea of the almost inconceivable volume of the development that has taken place here in a few brief years. Even then one must have seen the Los Angeles business section of ten, seven or even five years ago to be able to form any real conception of the change. The metropolitan skyline of today is revelation enough to anyone, but to appreciate the transformation one must have seen Broadway at least half a decade ago.

These are rather dull times in nearly all cities, thanks to the European war and other moot contributing circumstances, and Los Angeles, in common with other cities, although in much lesser degree than most, has experienced a falling off in general building activity as compared with other times where prosperity was at its flood. No evidence of any particular dullness, however, is to be discovered in the downtown building situation in Los Angeles, whatever the indications at large may be; and in this unbroken confidence of the conservative moneyed men who do things is to be seen the surest and most significant proof that real estate values and business conditions in Los Angeles are not on a sand-shifting basis.

In Los Angeles at the present time are being completed two of the largest and finest department stores in the country. One, the mammoth new home of the Broadway Department Store, is to all intents and purposes finished, having been opened to the public. The other store is the huge mercantile house of the J. W. Robinson Company at Seventh, Grand and Hope, a structure a block long and half a block deep. Each building boasts close to ten acres of floor space and represents an investment of more than $1,000,000. Each is absolutely fireproof and bears the metropolitan stamp in every detail of arrangement and appointment. With the great department stores already here, these new business houses give Los Angeles retail shopping facilities unsurpassed on the continent.

The Los Angeles Bible Institute, now all but completed, on Hope street, near Sixth, is not only the largest and most complete building in the world devoted entirely to religious instruction, but one of the monumental architectural achievements of the West. Thirteen stories in height, the structure occupies a frontage of more than 200 feet in the newer western portion of the downtown district, its builders having intended that it should eventually be in the heart of things. In design the building follows Italian models, having a distinctive and beautiful facade that will always mark it from its secular neighbors. These are only three of the great structures of 1915 in Los Angeles.

An idea of the construction record made by Los Angeles in the past five years may be gained from the statistics of structural activity preserved by the city building department. These figures show that from January 1, 1910, to January 1, 1915, approximately 67,000 permits were granted for structures of all kinds in this city. The aggregate cost of these improvements is represented by the huge valuation total of nearly $130,000,000. The average right through the half decade of 13,500 permits and $26,000,000 in valuation a year has not been equaled by any other city of under 1,000,000 population in the country during the same period.

The mathematician of the department has figured out that these structural improvements of the past five years in Los Angeles, if set side by side, one touching another, would make a solid frontage of 270 miles without a break of any kind.

V.

WHOLESALE—JOBBING CENTER.

Los Angeles is doing a jobbing, or wholesaling, business of approximately $300,000,000. The area over which the jobbing has extended is wide and growing ever wider. From the radius of a few miles, Los Angeles is becoming a distributing center which spreads throughout the world. Its field is limitless, and the next ten years should place it among the greatest centers of this character in America.

The greatest factor for the advancement of the jobbing business has been the organization of Associated Jobbers, a society that had its inception in 1898, when it became absolutely essential for the few wholesalers to get together in order to secure a reduction of railroad rates which would let local goods go beyond the back door of the community. Rates were discriminatory. It was possible to ship a car of freight from San Francisco to San Diego for just about what it cost to ship it from Los Angeles. Northern jobbers could ship into the San Joaquin Valley for half what it cost those in Los Angeles.

San Joaquin Valley questions were the first disposed of. How effectually may be judged by the fact that shipments at the time the traffic bureau of the Associated Jobbers was established amounted, in total for car and less than carload business, to 21,800 tons. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1914, the tonnage had increased to 116,200 tons, and this despite hard times last year.

What was accomplished in the San Joaquin Valley has been accomplished in Imperial Valley, in the great and growing Owens River Valley and in Arizona territory. Terminal rates, which are a great protector in a distributing territory, have been adjusted and held in line when failure to provide for this would have spelled the undoing of the gradual work that has been accomplished. Depot facilities, transportation service and countless minor matters have been carefully arranged for the protection of the jobbers. The new man that enters the field has all the advantages, and there are daily inquiries by large eastern and foreign manufacturers regarding these very things.

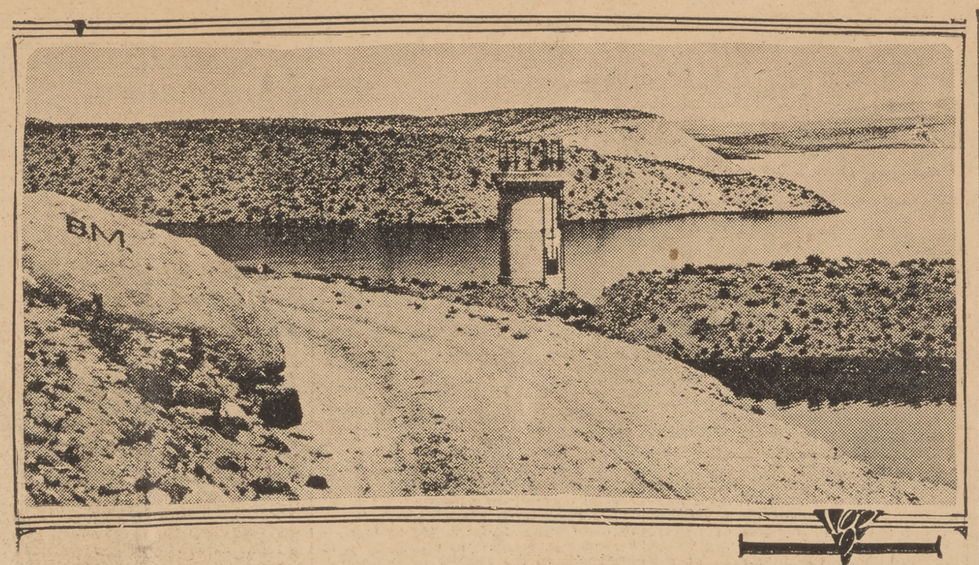
The opening of the Panama Canal has already disposed of the terminal rate controversy and has made it essential for the railroads to look to a reduction of freights across the continent which will equalize them with the water rates, particularly from the Middle West to Pacific Coast points, which have been discriminated against in favor of the Atlantic seaboard. The Ohio, Missouri and the Mississippi River points, as well as the growing territory along the Gulf, are now open.

Our ever-developing port is of greatest interest to jobbers. Already there are four or five steamship lines that are utilizing the canal route from the Atlantic Coast to Los Angeles. There are three European lines, discommoded it is true, by the war, that were giving regular service to ports in England, Holland, Germany, France, Spain and Italy. Others were planned for practically every port of Europe, including Russia, Greece, Norway and Sweden. Regular and permanent service between Los Angeles and the Orient is not a conjecture, but has been a fact for more than a year, and additional lines will probably call here as soon as the great international conflict has ceased.

Mexico, Central America and all the countries of South America are open and in a few months regular sailings to most of the Latin countries in the southern continent will be a fact. Low rates in and around Los Angeles mean that no other jobbing center will be able to compete for our own trade here, but will also have difficulty in competing in outside territory.

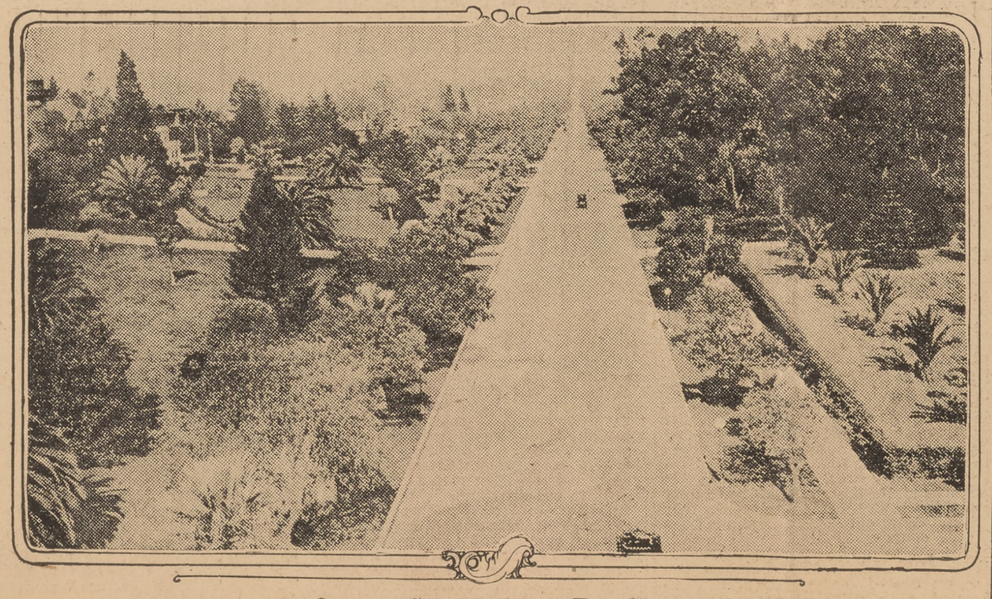
Considering the difficulties which less than ten years ago looked insurmountable and that have been gradually and consistently overcome; looking at the past, which held nothing to Los Angeles as a jobbing center, and seeing how this idea has been dispelled, it becomes impossible to fathom the wonderful future of our growing jobbing trade. With peace and prosperity in Mexico, the same conditions abroad, the ever-increasing number of California products and manufactures, the outlook for the future is boundless.

Los Angeles could and should become one of the greatest jobbing centers of the world.



Portion of Haiwee reservoir and gate tower.

This great storage basin is the key to the aqueduct system. It not only conserves 63,000 acre feet of water and regulates the flow to the city, but the retention of water there is an absolute safeguard against any harmful bacteria that might come from Owens Valley.



Orange Grove avenue, Pasadena.

Los Angeles county leads all the counties of the United States in the extent of its good roads system. A network of paved boulevards connects its cities and beaches. Magnificently beautiful scenic highways traverse the mountains. The Board of Supervisors is pledged to a policy of continuing the work of building and improving highways.

CALIFORNIA.

[Eliza A. Otis in "California, Where Sets the Sun."]*

Dark-eyed and drowsy-lidded, with face brown
'Neath centuries of suns; with cheeks touched with
The rich carmine of the wild pink's flush, and
Wearing the gold of the wild poppy on
Her breast, regal in queenliness; her
Majestic forehead the Sierra's front;
Her breast the swelling hills, smooth-rounded, and
Her lithe limbs the fair valleys stretching to
The sea, clad in rich garments of springing
Grasses, and set with precious jewels of
Bright blossoms multitudinous; with a
Voice of liquid melody heard in her
Running streams and the soft whispers of the
Summer breeze, in the old past, which like a
Dream has vanished, was California,
Loved of the Sun, a maiden fair,
Wearing the golden arrows of the
Burnished West, flaming with tropic splendor,
As the rich clasp for the sunset mantle
Round her voluptuous shoulders thrown, to
Which the wanton breezes gave caressing touch,
While spicy odors lent their perfumes rare
To all her garments.

Sun-warmed and sun-browned
Were all the races, too, that told their love
Of her, with tawny cheeks warming beneath
Her ardent gaze. Upon the sunlit heights
They leaned to her and touched her robes with
Reverent fingers. The flowers which
Lay within her garment's folds had for their
Ears soft tongues of speech. Sierra heights were
Holy altars from which the mists of Morn
Uprose like sacred incense. The running
Streams babbled a prophecy of never-
Ending being as they ran on to see
The Ocean's vastness, beyond which lay the
Happy hunting-grounds, and the Good Spirit
Smiled. The Wigwam's curling smoke rose to the
Blue, losing itself in sunshine. Peace was
In all the shining air, and Nature these
Her native sons fed lovingly. How fanned
The giant oaks their bronzed foreheads, and dropped
Them nuts to ease their hunger! How leapt the
Wild hare for their arrow's sport, and how stole
The deer into green thickets when their bow
Was strung, and the sea laughed beneath their light
Canoes as swam the fishes for their rude-
Wrought nets. Ah! Nature loved them, her simple
Children, and California's heart was
Warm with their caress; yet still she kept it
Fancy free, and cast coy glances at the
Coming years, as if her dusky eyes held
Glance prophetic, and, vision-brightened, saw
The glory of her womanhood. She let
Them pass, those tawny chiefs who wooed her, and
The later race of Andalusia's
Sons, and kept her riches and her rarer
Graces veiled till came the final Conquerors.

Ah, then, how gathered she her wines and poured
Them for their tasting! The orange bloom she
Twined in garlands for her forehead. The rich
Poinsettia made a ruby for her finger.
Her garments of wild grasses she threw off,
Attired herself in robes of golden wheat,
And decked herself with silken tassels of
The growing corn. White roses formed the
Border of her mantle, and "Cloth of Gold"
Was round her garment's hem. Her diamonds
She caught from playing fountains, and the light
Within her eyes was like the sunlight falling
Through swaying palms.

And then her lover came.
The one she was to wed, within his hand
The glorious banner bearing of the
Stripes and Stars. And she will be mother of
Royal sons, and Queen of Freedom's Golden West,
And at her gates shall surging Empire rest.

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World's Greatest Inter Community Undertaking

HERE is the picture of the Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River aqueduct project, sketched in its salient features:

Purpose—To bring a domestic water supply from the river, tieing in with Boulder Dam, and to include all cities within this region which care to participate, in addition to present member communities.

Scope—District is organized to finance and build an aqueduct with a capacity of 1500 second feet, and ultimately to take the full allotment of 1,100,000 acre-feet a year. This maximum will meet the domestic needs of 7,500,000 more people.

Aqueduct route—Four main routes are under consideration, tapping the river, respectively, at these points: Near Yuma; Bull's Head, up from Needles; Black Canyon; Bridge Canyon, up from Black Canyon. Route still to be selected by the board of engineers.

Length—Surveys indicate a conduit anywhere from 250 to 300 miles long, depending on route chosen.

Time—Estimates on this run from six to nine years, with the factors of route and character of tunnels governing.

Construction—Tunnels will be of horseshoe type, averaging 18 feet in diameter.

Cost—This is figured at from $200,000,000 to $250,000,000, also to be determined by route. Obligation of each member city is the relation of its assessed valuation to the district's total assessed valuation.

Agricultural benefits—While the Boulder Dam water is allocated to this section solely for domestic uses, in the early stages a large replenishment of underground storage will occur, and some of it will find its way upon the land.

Method of operation—As any gravity route has been virtually ruled out, there will be pump lifts, with power taken from Boulder Dam. This amounts to 36 per cent of all primary power plus a large amount which will be available to the district.

Power recovery—It is possible to choose a route that will allow as much as 75,000 horsepower of electricity salvaged; but this is something still to be worked out.

Character of water—Practical tests and United States Government reports guarantee the desilted flow of the Colorado as excellent drinking water.

Storage—There is assurance of at least 400,000 acre-feet surface storage convenient to the Coastal Plain terminus of the aqueduct; surveys indicate an even larger underground storage capacity.

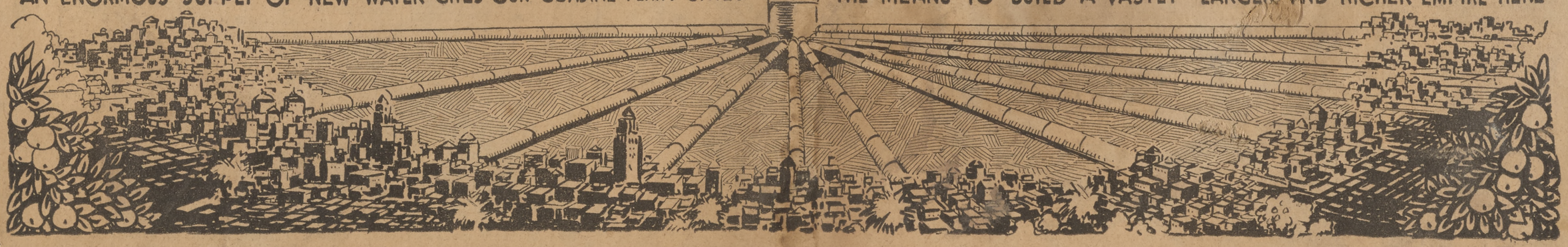
Financing—Completion of the aqueduct is forecast for 1940, at least; the estimate of population at that date of present member cities and those it is believed are certain to join is 4,000,000. The greatest annual expense of the aqueduct, including interest, sinking fund, cost of power and other operating charges is estimated by engineers at $20,000,000. This would be $5 per capita. The per capita obligation of the Owens River Aqueduct in the early years was $10 a year. The Colorado River Aqueduct cost will range down to $6,000,000 at the end of 50 years, which will mean a nominal per capita debt.

Metropolitan Water District—This comprises eleven Coastal Plain cities, with assessed valuation as the basis for voting strength, as follows, no city ever to have more than 50 per cent of all votes in the district:

Los Angeles—$1,892,476,365; 42 votes.
Pasadena—$121,946,580; 12 votes.
Glendale—$78,244,775; 8 votes.
Santa Monica—$64,443,410; 6 votes.
Beverly Hills—$61,986,300; 6 votes.
Burbank—$28,029,575; 3 votes.
Santa Ana—$21,051,1600; 2 votes.
San Bernardino—$17,824,980; 2 votes.
San Marino—$14,599,885; 1 vote.
Anaheim—$8,112,345; 1 vote.
Colton—$2,285,300; 1 vote.

Ultimate district—This, according to the design, will include all other cities west of the Sierra Madre Range and within economic reach of the aqueduct.

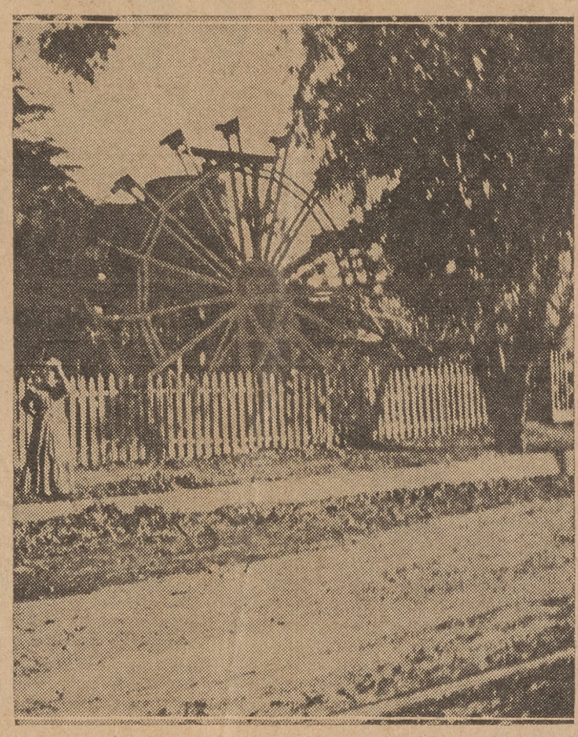
AN ENORMOUS SUPPLY OF NEW WATER GIVES OUR COASTAL PLAIN CITIES THE MEANS TO BUILD A VASTLY LARGER AND RICHER EMPIRE HERE



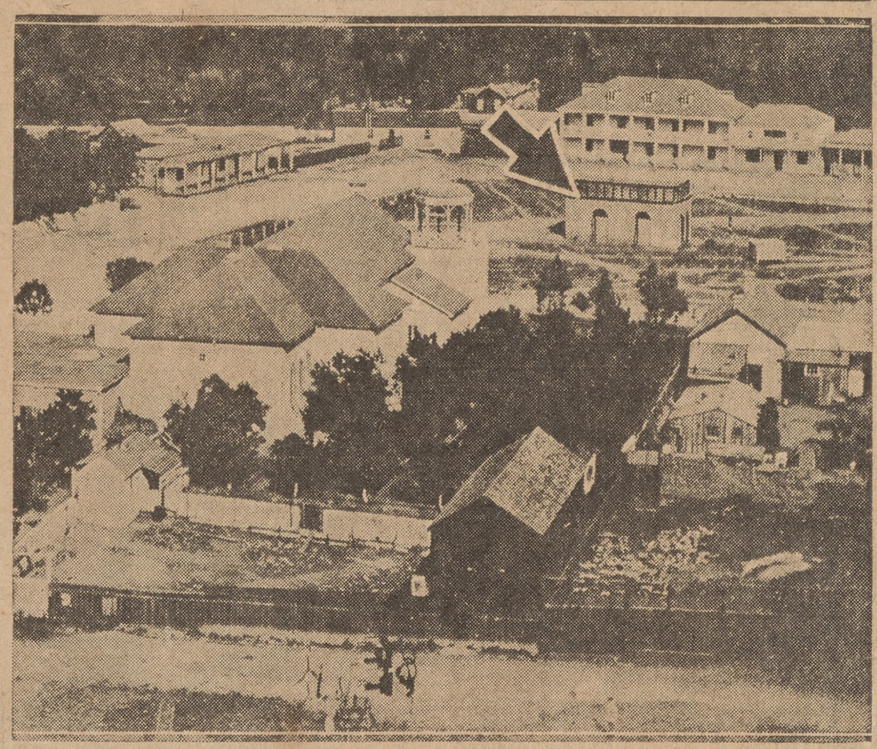
Mulholland's Story of Southland's Water Problems

HOW THE INFANT CITY'S THIRST WAS QUENCHED IN THE EARLY DAYS

When Los Angeles was a pueblo, burros delivered water to the homes.



A step forward was taken when water wheels like this were put in use.



City's first water reservoir, designated by arrow, in center of Los Angeles Plaza.

Water was taken from the river and wells pierced the underground supply.

This photo taken in late sixties. Old residents will recognize some of the buildings.

DEPARTMENT'S GROWTH TRACED THROUGH YEARS

'Ditch That Took Off From L. A. River Near Griffith Park Main Feature of System in 1877; Town's Population Only 9000'

By William Mulholland
As Told to an Examiner Representative

WHEN I landed in Los Angeles in 1877 from the coastal port of San Pedro, where I left the ship, the town had a population of about 9000. The main feature of the waterworks then was a ditch that took off from the Los Angeles River just about at the present Griffith Park golf course.

It was built in '68 by Ben Eaton, father of Fred Eaton, Charlie Miles, afterwards chief of the fire department and for many years County Recorder, and Tom Atwell. Fred Eaton himself was on the job in a subordinate capacity. The work was done under the general supervision of Dr. John S. Griffin, head of the water company.

Two Ditches
One to Reservoir, Other to Woolen Mill

This ditch carried water to the Buena Vista reservoir, in Elysian Park. The reservoir has been in use ever since. The ditch followed a line along which there is a concrete conduit. Of course this is now invisible, having been covered and built over long since.

There was also a ditch which took the water from near Burbank and ran to the old woolen mill on Pearl street. This water, after running through the mill, flowed out to the south in an irrigation ditch and found its way along the side of Jefferson street into La Cienega.

At the date of my first employment as a zanjero, which was in 1878, the water consumption was four second feet. Of all the water running in the zanjas, about 90 per cent went for irrigation.

The present water consumption of the city is 225 second feet.

Landmark
Water for Beaudry Reservoir Pumped From Well

The old Beaudry reservoir, so conspicuous as a landmark on the hills north of town before the growth of the city submerged it, was built by the Beaudry Water Company. They pumped their water from a well at Naud's warehouse. It was from the Beaudry company that I took over some of the men now in the Los Angeles water department. Anderson, then bookkeeper and now controller of the Department of Water and Power, was one. Another was Fisher, head of the mechanical department in the water system.

The ditch from Griffith Park was replaced by a wooden flume in 1878, the open zanja having served well for ten years. In 1901 I replaced the flume with a 44-inch steel pipe.

From the time I became superintendent and general manager of the water company in 1886 until the latter years of the century there is nothing special to record. The town kept growing rapidly, but we were able to keep ahead of water needs and there was nothing to indicate that we would not have enough to supply for the indefinite future. In fact, no one was worrying about that.

But we had very dry seasons in '98, '99 and 1900. In the meantime there had been a rapid conversion of orchards, vineyards and Chinese vegetable patches into urban residential property.

I began to get frightened. Those dry years and the rapid growth were tending toward a certain eventuality, in my opinion—possibly remote, but inevitable—and that was a shortage of water.

Takes Trip
Mulholland Looks Over Owens Valley Country

Fred Eaton, afterward mayor, had been familiar with the Owens Valley country and High Sierras for years, and he had been urging me to take a trip up there and look over the water resources. I had been putting it off, but in 1904 I spent some time with him in the valley and farther up in Mono Basin.

From this skyline survey I was satisfied there was an abundance of water, and that it would be a practicable thing to convey it to Los Angeles.

When I returned I had the idea well matured and I told the water board we would have to go into that country for an additional water supply. The suggestion left them flabbergasted. It might be an engineering possibility, they admitted, but the city couldn't stand the cost.

I put facts and figures before them showing that the city would have to bring in that supply if it expected to grow. And if it didn't get it, we wouldn't grow.

As I told a heckler at one of the bond campaign meetings, "If we don't get the water we won't need it."

"Well, how much is it going to cost?" they asked.

I hitched up a span of mules to a buckboard and started a survey of the country. I spent about four months on this job. When my shirt got dirty I'd come in for a change, but otherwise I kept to the theme.

Estimate Made
Cost of Aqueduct Placed at $23,000,000

Outlining a route and figuring as I went, I reached an estimate of $23,000,000.

That was the bond issue, and also the cost. In these days different methods would be followed, but I guess the result justified the means.

When we built the Los Angeles aqueduct there wasn't any thought other than that the supply from Owens Valley would be sufficient for all time to come. The curves of our population forecasts never gave any indication otherwise. But in the matter of population we were far from being prophets. All of our projections have been surpassed. Every advance estimate for yearly growth has fallen short.

Boulder Drive
Plea for More Power First Argument Advanced

About six years ago, if you will remember, the campaign to get a Boulder Dam act through Congress was well launched. The argument then, so far as Los Angeles was concerned, was power need. We must have more power for industries. So ran, in general, the appeal.

I hadn't been saying anything, but I'd been studying the Colorado River for some time. I may say I knew the river fairly well. My first knowledge of that very interesting stream came in 1878, when I spent several months sailing up and down the lower stretches with Captain Melin and Captain Polhemus. The steamers Mohave and Cocopah were being operated on the river then.

For a considerable time before I broached the matter to any one, I had concluded that Los Angeles must go to the Colorado for its domestic water. Our existing supplies weren't going to carry us through. Naturally, no one knew that better than I, seeing it was my business to know.

The first mention I ever made of it to anyone was to Mathews (W. B. Mathews, then special counsel of the Water and Power Department, now general counsel of the Metropolitan Water District and a leading figure in the Boulder Dam fight). The suggestion nearly knocked him over. But I said:

"Give this your earnest thought; it is no idle dream; there is nothing fantastic about it, and it has got to come."

I think it is impossible to exaggerate the effect of the domestic water supply idea on the Boulder Dam campaign. The power argument appealed to many individuals and interests, but not to all, by any means. But when they came to know the facts, when they saw that the projection of the population curve into the not very distant future was going to take the city up to the point where the water supply could not take care of any more people, then they all—or practically all—saw the light.

Of course, I knew that the city would have to pay for it, and it would be a big bill, but that, however much it might cost, it would be worth every dollar of it. Well, when you have to have something, when it's vital, essential to existence itself, cost is something that is talked of secondarily.

I am often asked what kind of an engineering problem it is to build a Colorado River aqueduct. And my answer is, its difficulties are no greater than those of the Los Angeles aqueduct. I have been over much of the terrain and am able to make this statement with knowledge of the facts.

Crosses Fault
Same Objection Voiced on Owens Valley Plans

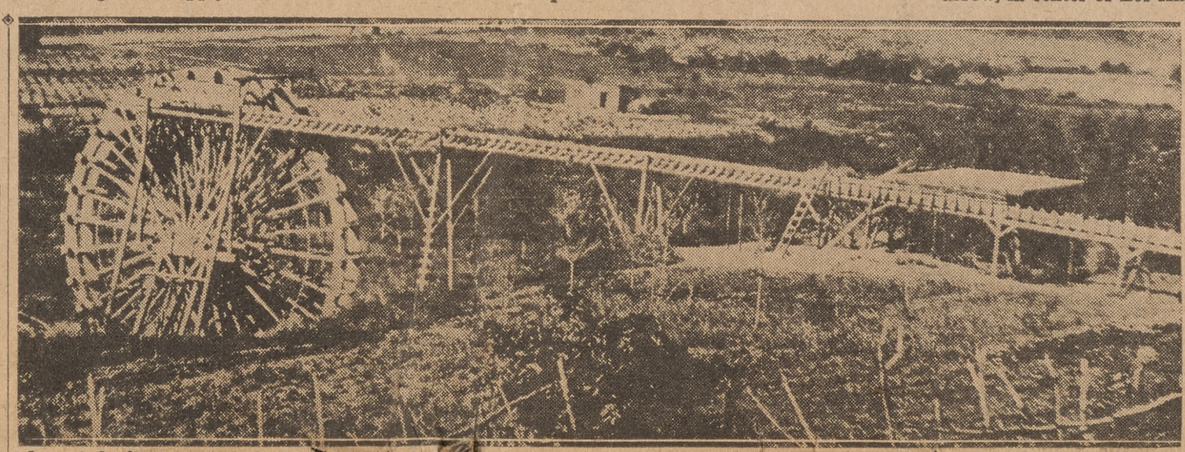
Mention is made of the San Andreas fault. The Owens River aqueduct crosses that. For that matter, you can hardly go ten miles in this country without finding a fault of some kind.

You may remember that, during the Owens aqueduct bond campaign, some interests and individuals fought it on the ground that the water wasnt fit to drink. Early in this educational campaign on the Colorado River aqueduct project we encountered some such objections as to this new water we proposed to get.

Good Water
No Menace From Salt in Boulder Basin

Freed of its silt—a simple problem—it is as good water as any. And there is not the least menace from the salt deposits in the Boulder Canyon basin.

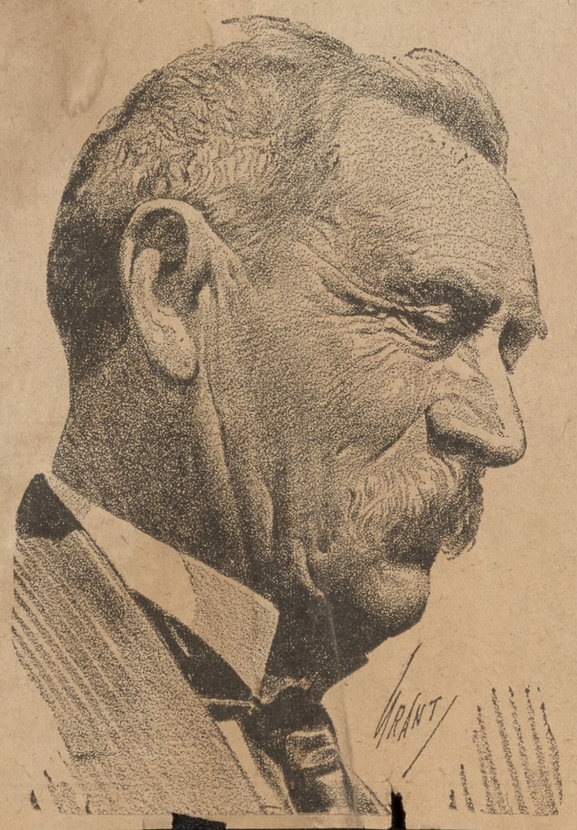
A water supply and an aqueduct to supply 7,500,000 more people are, in my opinion, the final provision that this city and its neighboring communities will have to make. There is no other source available. The Colorado River aqueduct will be the final chapter in our most fascinating water story, so far as anyone now alive is concerned.



One of the large water wheels which lifted water out of the "zanja" (ditch) to irrigate vegetable gardens.

This scene is along banks of Los Angeles River.—All photos by courtesy Security-First National Bank.

WILLIAM MULHOLLAND, builder of the huge Los Angeles aqueduct from Owens Valley and originator of the Colorado River aqueduct plan.



IN THIS ISSUE---FACTS ON COLORADO AQUEDUCT

Interesting Views Given Concerning Huge Metropolitan Water District Project; Brilliant Picture of Future Painted

By John A. Gray

PICTURE a stream of water fifty feet wide and three feet deep flowing at the rate of ten feet a second—a stream of never diminishing volume and current running forever into this Southern California area, filling depleted arteries to bursting, furnishing the missing essential to tremendous growth and incalculable development—

A stream that will take this country back to a new youth, with the FUTURE rather than the past its glorious vista.

This, in a word, is what the Colorado River aqueduct will be. Our cities now are at their prime. But in some cases the "blood count" is not encouraging. The big aqueduct will perform the Ponce de Leon miracle. It will bring them all back to a new threshold of life.

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You may read many accurate and interesting facts and views on the great project in this Metropolitan Water District edition. From the magnificent statement of Secretary of the Interior Wilbur on through the list you wil find them all well worth while.

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A question that is going to interest especially the rate and taxpayers of the district is their ability to take the financial load. That is ably discussed in this issue. It is shown that the cost will be about $5 per capita, or one-half the per capita cost of the Owens River aqueduct.

One of the writers predicts a membership for the Metropolitan District of more than thirty cities, as against the eleven now in. Another analyst carries the population curve on through the years, with each decade showing considerably more than 1,000,000 additional inhabitants.

It is possible the cost of the aqueduct and terminal reservoirs will run to $250,000,000. This money, however, will be borrowed at a low rate, and it will all be spent here, the most of it for labor.

In fact, one of the significant showings is that the vast work will employ more than 4000 men throughout the entire period of construction—estimated at from eight to ten years.

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If there is one fact in this whole problem that is well established, and which this edition emphasizes and defines anew, it is that the cities of Southern California lying west of the mountain barrier MUST HAVE MORE WATER. And the second installment of that story is THEY MUST GO TO THE COLORADO.

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Less clear, as you will notice, is the matter of route. F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer, discusses this interestingly. But of course he cannot say whether the aqueduct will tap the river at the reservoir in Black Canyon or begin the diversion as far south as Yuma. That is for the consulting board to decide.

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Although the several engineers discussing the subject do not indicate any particular route, one thing they state with conclusiveness—the aqueduct can be built, and at a reasonable cost. Not even the geologic peculiarities, particularly the St. Andreas fault, hold any terrors.

There is another striking point in this connection brought out by H. A. Van Norman. He shows that construction of the Owens River Aqueduct, which he helped build, has written into the book of experience the major problems to be encountered in this new work.

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While the district claims its 1,100,000 acre-foot share of the river as a domestic supply, many years will elapse before all is used for that purpose. **E. F. Scattergood calculates that the surplus will maintain 45,000 families in agricultural pursuits, their combined product mounting to $250,000,000 a year.**

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On the basis of present per capita wealth of about $3000, Julian Hinds of the district engineering department shows that the additional 7,000,000 people which the new water will bring into the Coastal Plain eventually will occasion new wealth of about $20,000,000,000.

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One phase of the project that engages speculation is the advertising value of carrying out such a huge enterprise. There's no doubt Los Angeles profited immensely from the historic distinction it won in building the Owens River Aqueduct. The work ahead furnishes an opportunity in this regard which, linked with the Boulder Dam project, is without equal in the world's present list of undertakings.

Man and the Desert

By Ray Lyman Wilbur

Secretary of the Interior

(Written expressly for The Los Angeles Examiner)

The spectacular accomplishment to which the Government has set its hand in the Southwest is destined to become one of the world's outstanding examples of man's prowess in wedding science and engineering to the forces of Nature so that man may have a better place in which to live.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur

Boulder Dam challenges all time to match it with an enterprise so full of drama, romance, magnificent proportions, transformations to be obtained, direct service to human beings struggling for the best obtainable for themselves and those to follow. It stops a mad river that drains seven states, carrying twelve times as much water as the Rio Grande, on which Elephant Butte Dam at present holds the record for size of such structures, yet stores but a tenth of the floods that may be pocketed on the Colorado. The great Roosevelt Dam stores but one-sixteenth of the water that may be put away at Boulder. The cost here will be eleven times that on the Rio Grande, fourteen times that on the Salt, eight times as much as was spent on the various developments on the Yakima, in Washington.

Yet, spectacular as it is, this dam finds its rival in the enterprise of the Metropolitan Water District, which is to lead its share of the hostage waters across the desert, lift them over the mountain and send them tumbling down onto the plain of Southern California where only this water is needed as a supplement to climate and soil for the issue of invitations to which millions but wait for an opportunity to respond.

Here is to be most graphically demonstrated that fundamental principle if the "water line" that needs to be better understood in the West. This area has been approaching the point where the population could increase no more because there was not water for its needs. Its development was getting near the water line. It had enough water for some millions of people, but beyond that it would have to begin to skimp. By impounding these floods that were running to waste and bringing the river over the mountain, water could be supplied for several millions more. The "water line" could be raised and the region could develop in consequence. Failure to meet Nature on her own ground has crashed many a civilization. Babylon fell not from too much sin, but too little water. Overgrazing of the hills, quick runoff, floods, drought, disaster and again the waste of the desert tell the tragic story.

This possibility of raising the "water line" is the dominant problem west of Kansas and one of which the whole population should become conscious. Where water is life could waste be more flagrant than when boundless floods of it, poured from the skies on favored but distant mountain sides, are allowed to rush madly away from the point where needed and on to be lost in the vast expanses of the oceans?

The West must learn how to stop these floods and apply them to its own profit. It must come to realize that water is the chief output of its waste lands and to care for those lands in such a way as to cause them to produce their maximum of usable streamflow. It must become water conscious to the end that it may grow and prosper.

For ten years the Federal Government at Washington has been working unremittingly in its endeavors to organize this enterprise that looked to the utilization of Colorado River floods. It found that the undertaking called for a governmental organization that was quite new in our experience. We have long been accustomed to handling problems that related to county, state and nation. Here was one that was bigger than the state, which, in fact, affected seven states. Yet it was less than national for, outside of this Southwest region, interest in it was largely academic. It was, in fact, a regional problem. It has been handled as a regional problem, administered largely by these seven interested states. This new principle of a regional problem, regionally administered, has had its first dramatic demonstration.

It has often appeared that the undertaking would fail. A plan such as this which promises the development of great wealth is likely to call forth the more selfish instincts of individuals and communities. It is human nature and therefore community nature to seize every advantage that promises personal profit. Thoughtless leaders are likely to dangle before their people possibilities of selfish advantage that are entirely unwarranted. No individual and no community is apt to be the fairest judge of its own case. Having taken positions individuals and communities are likely to cling too insistently to them, to persist in refusing to be convinced of error. The selfish interests of individual communities, from time to time in these deliberations, have come near wrecking them and preventing the consummation of a plan that means more to one whole corner of the United States than any other blessing that ever will or ever can come to it.

Many of the barriers now have been cleared, but not all of them. Issues are yet to arise that may be no less vexing than those that already have been settled. They must be met in that spirit of tolerance and sportsmanship which has been typical of us as a people, which makes it possible to take a defeat and shake hands afterward, and which is the quality that makes democratic government possible.

An adequate and pure water supply is everywhere a problem. Even in Eastern communities where rainfall is abundant it presents enormous difficulties. In the West where the desert encroaches, where many regions always must languish in thirst, situations are more dramatic. In the West the desert is the common enemy. A united front must be presented to it. Individuals and communities must consider the common advantage, must act with a broad intelligence, must fight as does a disciplined army, if those victories over the desert which are possible are to be won.

Represented in this sketch are the eleven cities already included in the Metropolitan Water District. A number of other cities are expected to join.

Weymouth Discusses Proposed Routes for Aqueduct

'HUGE PROBLEMS HINGE ON BOULDER RESERVOIR'

'Dam Will Provide Water, Desilt It and Supply Power for Any Pumping That May Be Necessary,' Chief Engineer States

By F. E. Weymouth
Chief Engineer Metropolitan Water District

ALL plans for an aqueduct from the Colorado River to the Southern California coastal plain so far made assume an ultimate capacity of 1500 second feet continuous flow, or its equivalent. It is generally agreed that this is an insufficient supply for the ultimate demand of the cities of the district, but no greater supply is obtainable from the Colorado River if all of the other many demands upon that stream are to be satisfied.

F. E. Weymouth
—Luckhaus photo.

The aqueduct capacity is, therefore, to be based on the supply available rather than on the demand for water. Even the 1500 second feet flow cannot be taken continuously from the river without storage, as the entire low-water flow is now appropriated. The aqueduct problem, like many other Colorado River problems, is thus dependent upon the construction of the Boulder Canyon reservoir, which will provide the water, desilt it and supply power for any pumping that may be necessary.

Complex Problem

The selection of a route for the proposed aqueduct presents a formidable problem. The diversion may be made almost anywhere from Bridge Canyon to Yuma, and from the several most promising intake points there are numerous alternative routes.

At Yuma the river has an elevation of only 120 feet above sea level, which increases to 647 feet at the Black Canyon dam site. The proposed Boulder Canyon reservoir will have a maximum water level of approximately 1225 feet, but at times it may be drawn down as low as 950 feet. Convenient distribution to the cities of the Metropolitan Water District requires that the water shall be delivered into terminal reservoirs at not less than 800 feet elevation, and higher delivery would be better.

If diversion is made from the river in its lower reaches, it is evident that the water must be pumped to give it the desired terminal elevation, as well as to overcome the frictional losses in the aqueduct. If drawn directly from the Boulder Canyon reservoir, delivery by gravity might be made to the district at 400 or 500 feet elevation.

Pumping Required

With such a plan the lower areas could be supplied directly with gravity water, but pumping to the higher areas would be required. Therefore, if a diversion is made at Boulder Canyon or at any point down the river, some pumping must be resorted to, at least sufficient to secure proper elevation of delivery.

The region between the area to be served and the river is traversed by many mountain ranges and high plateaus. If the pumping is held to the absolute minimum, an expensive line with long tunnels results, and it may be found desirable to pump to greater heights, leaving only the higher mountains to be tunneled.

The basic problem is to find the line along which an aqueduct may be constructed which will deliver water to the various cities of the district at a minimum cost per acre foot, keeping in mind that the aqueduct must be physically and economically feasible. In the solution of this problem more than sixty-five separate preliminary aqueduct lines have been projected with various diversion points from Bridge Canyon to Yuma.

Shortest Route

The shortest and most direct way to bring water from the Colorado River to Los Angeles is to construct an aqueduct diverting at a point near Yuma, Ariz.

This line contemplates pumping, either directly from the river or from a low diversion dam at Picacho, a point about 25 miles north of Yuma. Delivery is to be made at elevation of 1000 feet into a proposed enlargement of the existing county flood control reservoir at Puddingstone, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles.

Because of the low elevation of the water in the river the net pumping, i. e., the total lift less return power, will be greater for this line than for lines diverting at higher points.

A route diverting directly from the Boulder Canyon reservoir profits by the increased elevation of the water surface and by the complete elimination of any trouble from silt in the water. The necessity for long transmission lines also is eliminated. The principal disadvantages of such a line are increased length and the ruggedness of the area over which it must be constructed.

Many Variations

There are an infinite number of possible variations for this line. It can be brought through the mountains in innumerable ways, with varying total lengths, varying proportions of tunnel to surface line, and a wide variation in the geological conditions likely to be encountered.

This line is longer than any other of the lines shown, but it is not necessarily the least desirable.

The idea of eliminating the requirement for pumping quite naturally has a strong popular appeal, and numerous possible routes for bringing the water to the district by gravity flow have been proposed. One of these proposals is to construct a single straight tunnel from Boulder Canyon to a point near Monrovia. This line lies generally at great depth and at places it passes under closed basins filled with water-bearing debris to unknown depths. The estimated cost of this line is high and the contingencies likely to be encountered in its construction are difficult to

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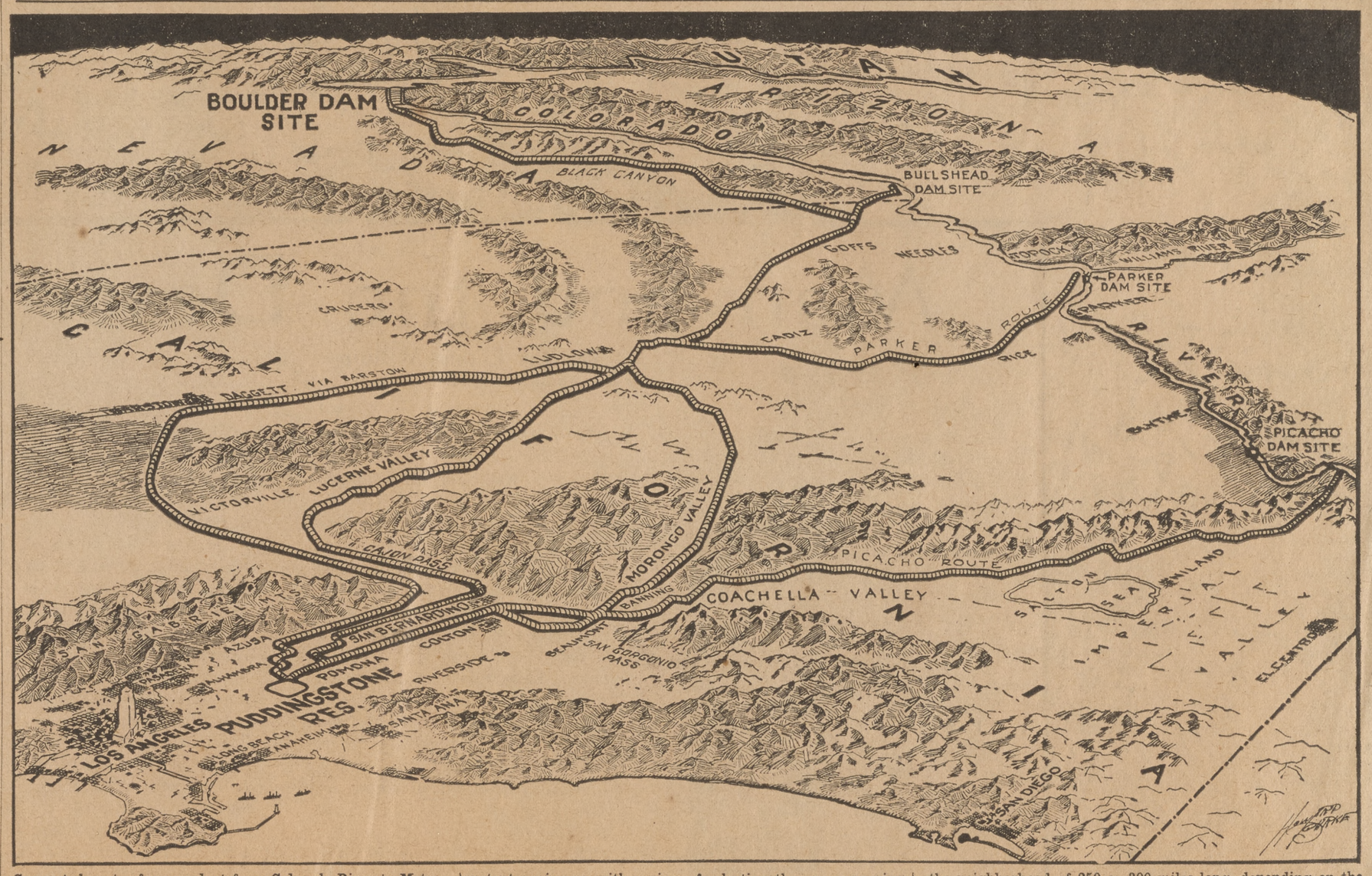
THESE LINES STUDIED FOR BEST WAY TO TAP COLORADO



Suggested routes for aqueduct from Colorado River to Metropolitan Water District. These are now being studied by competent engineers, with a view of selecting the one answering all requirements most satisfactorily. The aqueduct will be in the neighborhood of 250 or 300 miles long, depending on the route chosen, and it will have a capacity of 1500 second feet.

'Preliminary Work Conducted in Masterly Style,' Says Lyman

By Richard R. Lyman
Member of Colorado River Aqueduct Consulting Board of Engineers

TO ALL observers, even in these days of surprises and wonders, the growth of the city of Los Angeles has been marvelous. It is the faith and optimism of the people added to the unusual natural resources of Southern California that have made possible this almost unprecedented development.

The fundamental requisite of modern municipal development is water. What the supply from Owens Valley has done for Los Angeles, 1500 second feet from the Colorado River will do for the whole of the metropolitan area.

New Methods

The proposed plan of the board of directors of the district to bring 1500 second feet of water over rugged mountains from the Colorado River to the California slope and pump it through an elevation of 1600 feet involves a multitude of new intricate and difficult designs, specifications, operations and methods of construction.

In the selection of Mr. Frank E. Weymouth as chief engineer the board made a most fortunate choice.

R. R. Lyman

The masterly way in which he is handling the preliminary investigations and studies points clearly to the success that will ultimately come to this gigantic undertaking.

For years the people of Southern California have, by the pumping process, been continuously lowering the elevation of the water table in that area. This has produced a condition similar to that of an unemployed laborer who is drawing on his savings account to meet his daily expenses.

Three Difficulties

1. The cost of pumping will continually increase because the elevation through which the water has to be pumped will continue to increase.

2. Instead of the stored underground water holding the salt water of the ocean within proper bounds, the salt water will sep into and under the soil as fast as the underground water recedes. Thus the fresh underground supply will be replaced by the salt water of the ocean. If this is continued indefinitely, consequences most serious must follow.

3. To replenish this depleted supply of fresh water, to build up a wall of water that will keep the sea where it belongs and at the same time to provide for the rapidly increasing population demands that the proposed supply from the Colorado River be secured.

A. J. Wiley Describes Advantages of Different Diversion Points

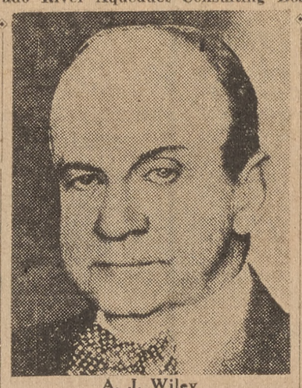
By A. J. Wiley
Member of Colorado River Aqueduct Consulting Board of Engineers

THE need of the Metropolitan Water District for a greatly increased water supply and that the Colorado River is its only available source are admitted facts, but about the point of diversion and the course and character of the aqueduct there are wide differences of opinion. It will be generally admitted that the aqueduct should have the lowest cost consistent with permanence of construction and freedom from interruption.

Generally speaking, not only the first cost of the aqueduct, but its liability to interruption and the cost of maintenance and operation increase with length. Cost of operation increases also with the amount of pumping required and with the cost of power. Another element of cost is the desilting of the Colorado River water.

Shorter Aqueduct

Diversion at Boulder Canyon compared with points farther up on the river would give the shorter aqueduct and an enormous reservoir for desilting purposes. More pumping would be needed at Boulder Canyon, but it would furnish much the cheapest power.


A. J. Wiley
—Associated Press photo.

As compared with points lower down the river, the length of conduit is less for the lower points, but the pumping lifts are higher and the desilting cost becomes a factor. As between diversion at Boulder Canyon and at other points almost as far down the river as Yuma, the merits of the various diversion points are now being given detailed study.

As between diversion at Boulder Canyon Dam and points farther up the river, as at Bridge Canyon, Lees Ferry or San Juan River, these diversions involve longer aqueducts, greater costs, greater risks of interruption and greater maintenance and operation. They have, however, the possibility of gravity flow, but lose the advantage of sharing in the use of a great dam and power plant constructed and maintained by the Government and paid for out of the earnings from power as a by-product of a reservoir created primarily for flood control and irrigation regulation.

Two-Year Storage

This reservoir will have a capacity of 30,000,000 acre-feet, or enough to store the entire average flow of the Colorado for nearly two years. The water delivered from its outlets will be perfectly clear, and, though it will require a pump lift to deliver it into an aqueduct high enough for all district uses, one of the possibilities now being compared with others is that of future extension of the aqueduct up the river to Bridge Canyon and operating it by gravity, thus releasing the power used for pumping to what may be a much higher market.

Another possibility is that when, several centuries in the future, the Boulder Canyon reservoir is entirely silted up, the dam will still serve as a diversion for the aqueduct, while the 600,000 to 1,000,000 horsepower energy will continue to be produced. In fact, it may be increased, because at that time regulation and flood control will be provided by reservoirs farther up the river, while the stream at Boulder Canyon flows in a regular channel through the silt deposits at about the level of the dam crest, producing power under the constant head due to the full height of the dam at all seasons, instead of being available only under the lesser fluctuating head due to the varying level of the reservoir at different seasons.

'GREATEST WATER PROJECT IN HISTORY,'—MERRIMAN

By Thaddeus Merriman
Member of Colorado River Aqueduct Consulting Board of Engineers

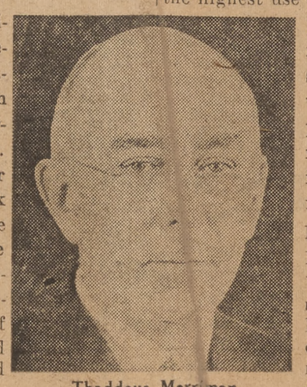
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA owes her existence and prosperity to the life-giving waters of the Owens River. Had the aqueduct from this river never been built, Los Angeles could not have been a great city and her present greatness would have been as impossible as the attainment of the promise of a dream.

Ten centuries ago large populations lived in Arizona and New Mexico, but when the rainfall grew smaller and desert conditions came upon them they vanished. Without water they could not live. Today man needs water more than ever. As standards of living advance, more water of better quality is required for all purposes.

Future Supply

From where shall the future water supply of the Southern California district be obtained? The answer is simple. No source except the Colorado River will supply a quantity sufficient for the needs of the district. The details of how this water may be best brought to the coastal plain are being worked out by the engineers charged with this task. They will solve this problem and will bring the water in at the lowest possible cost.

Modern civilization depends fundamentally upon engineering science. The engineer on this task will no more fail than he does on countless other undertakings of magnitude and unprecedented nature.


Thaddeus Merriman

The Colorado Aqueduct is the greatest water supply project of all history. It symbolizes the highest use of the most important of all natural resources. Its waters are the promise of that future prosperity which is the right of all progressive peoples. And while this Colorado plan looms large, yet its cost to the vast metropolitan district of 1930 will be proportionately less than was that of the Owens River Aqueduct to the small but ambitious Los Angeles of 1905.

Wise Planning

By wise planning and by a prudent financial program, a large part of the cost of this vital project can be deferred so that the future, as the beneficiary, will bear its fair share of the obligation. No one generation should pay for all of a development which will make the future prosperous.

The limit of the present sources of supply is now at hand and a decision as to the **future must soon be made.**

Largely has Southern California grown, and thus largely must she lay the cornerstones of that future greatness which will be hers. All of her social, political and economic structure rests on her water supply as upon the keystone of an arch. Only from the Colorado can the water for the future be obtained.

Same Foresignht

Los Angeles in 1930 must exercise the same foresight as did her people in 1905. Lasting bricks cannot be made without straw. Without water Southern California cannot grow.

Bonds Assure Growth Until Southland Taps Colorado

'10-YR. WATER SUPPLY OURS' --VAN NORMAN

'City Placed in Stronger Position to Assume Financial Demand of River Aqueduct'

By H. A. Van Norman
Chief Engineer and General Manager Los Angeles Bureau of Water Works and Supply.

Today Los Angeles is prepared to look with confidence toward the day when water from the Colorado River will be brought to the gates of our city through the most gigantic water supply system ever contemplated by mind of man.

The action of the citizens of this city in authorizing by an overwhelming majority the $38,800,000 water bond issues on Tuesday, May 20, assures our people an ample and reliable water supply for the next ten or twelve years—or until Colorado River water can be made available.

With this Owens River and Mono Basin water put to use by hundreds of new industries and a million more persons, the city will be in a much stronger position to assume the financial responsibilities connected with the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct.

City Is Prepared

I can think of nothing that could have more definitely assured the successful completion of the Colorado aqueduct than the voting of the $38,800,000 water bonds. It is a guarantee of growth and prosperity—a guarantee to the world that Los Angeles is prepared generously to meet the water needs of all those who can come this way during the decade that must elapse before the waters of the Colorado physically can be brought in.

It was in the autumn of 1923, just ten years after the completion of the original Owens River Aqueduct, that William Mulholland, as chief engineer of the Los Angeles Bureau of Water Works and Supply, announced that in his opinion this city must be turning its attention toward the Colorado River as its next large source of water if we hoped to support a continuing population and industrial growth in the future.

Seven Years' Study

He followed this announcement by a first-hand study of the territory between Los Angeles and the river—and after a few weeks devoted to a general survey of the situation, he declared that he was positive that it would be both feasible

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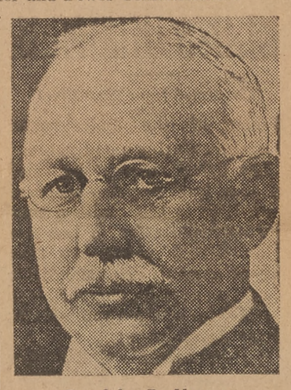
Where City's System Penetrates

TYPICAL LAKE IN the High Sierras, whence comes Los Angeles' Owens Valley water.—(Padilla photo.)

The Colorado River, which drains similar regions, will supply water for the Metropolitan Water District area.

'Strength of Entire District Backs Plan'

By Dr. John R. Haynes
President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners



Dr. John R. Haynes

The Metropolitan Water District is the legitimate and healthy offspring of the new spirit of cooperation that is rapidly forging to the front in civic affairs in Southern California.

The district was organized in 1928 and the proposition of joining the district was submitted to the voters of thirteen cities of Southern California. Eleven of these cities, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale, Santa Monica, San Marino, Colton, San Bernardino, Anaheim and Santa Ana, voted by overwhelming majorities to come in.

Specific Objects

The specific object of the district are: First, to bring to the Coastal Plain 1500 second feet of water from the Colorado River, for domestic, commercial and industrial uses, and second, to acquire a large block of cheap power, to be utilized in lifting the 1500 second feet of water over the mountain ranges, after the Colorado River Aqueduct is built.

The relation of Los Angeles to the district is in keeping with the spirit that inspired the organization at its inception—cooperative, Los Angeles, by reason of her economic strength, will contribute to the carrying out of the project in proportion to her economic strength, which is 82 per cent of the whole. Her measure of control is, however, restricted to only 50 per cent of the whole.

I am not overstating the case when I say that it was the economic strength of Los Angeles that made the district possible. But as against this, it was only the combined economic strength of the entire district that made the Boulder Dam project feasible. Thus by a combining of the joint interests of the communities of Southern California one of the major economic projects of the century has been made possible.

FOX DISCUSSES LEGAL PHASES

By W. Turney Fox
Glendale Member, Metropolitan Water District Board

Legal and economic considerations made it desirable to create a new governmental agency for the purpose of building an aqueduct to the Colorado River and bringing its waters to Southern California.

If the city of Los Angeles had undertaken this task alone, many surrounding municipalities would have remained indefinitely without an adequate water supply to meet their growing demands. It was, therefore, necessary to create a regional governmental agency by which all surrounding towns and cities might share in the economic advantages of this undertaking and at the same time maintain their political identity and independence. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, organized pursuant to an act of the State Legislature in 1927, is the answer to this problem.

Each City Votes

The participation of each city in the affairs of the Metropolitan Water District is, in general, determined by the assessed valuation of the property within such city. Each city having an assessed valuation of less than $200,000,000 is entitled to one representative on the board of directors, while cities having an assessed valuation in excess of that amount are entitled to have one additional representative for each additional $200,000,000 of assessed valuation.

Each city is entitled, through its directors, to cast one vote for each $10,000,000 of assessed valuation of property in the city so represented, with the further provision that each city shall be entitled to at least one vote, and that no city shall have votes exceeding 50 per cent of the total.

The act further provides that the affirmative vote of directors representing more than 50 per cent of the total number of votes of the entire district shall be necessary to carry any order, resolution or ordinance coming before the board. The foregoing provisions and limitations make it impossible for any municipality to control the district.

Raising Funds

The preferential right of any city within the district to purchase water from the district is determined by the ratio that the assessed valuation of property within such city bears to the assessed valuation of all the property in the district. Likewise, the financial obligations of the district are distributed according to assessed valuation.

LOS ANGELES PRAISED FOR ITS FAIRNESS

'Leaders and People Have Welfare of All Southern California at Heart,' Says Harris

By Wm. O. Harris
Controller of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Bernardino Member.

"To him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not even that which he hath shall be taken away."

The smaller cities in Southern California have been growing and prospering for many years, yet laboring under an unwarranted prejudice against the activities of the city of Los Angeles—a prejudice which in many instances has proven a barrier to the progress of the community itself.

The activities of the Chambers of Commerce, the California Development Association and the combined efforts of the Service Club organizations have done much in recent years to correct the feeling between and the activities of not only the smaller communities, but of the Los Angeles metropolitan area itself.

Welfare at Heart

The individual has played in the past a very important part, but I am firm in my belief that the city of Los Angeles, its leaders and its people, have the sincere welfare of all of Southern California in their hearts and minds in the Metropolitan Water District and in all matters relating to this most pressing need of the day, namely, domestic water.

The only difference between continued progress and prosperity in an economic and an industrial way and a stagnation or retroaction in Southern California is domestic water. The prosperity of the metropolitan area most certainly reflects itself into the smaller communities and likewise the progress of the smaller communities builds up the prosperity of the city of Los Angeles.

50% Control

Of course, the Metropolitan Water District Bill, the act of our state Legislature under which the district was created and is operating, very clearly defines the position of the city of Los Angeles and the protection of the outside smaller members. Although Los Angeles will pay 81 per cent of the cost and receive 81 per cent of those benefits measured in the usage of water itself, its control is limited to a 50 per cent vote.

My experience on the Metropolitan District Board—and such experience dates back to the organization of the district, as a director, representing one of the smaller outside communities—does not reveal anything of a selfish nature on the part of the city of Los Angeles. The records of the district will show and the spirit of the personnel representing the city of Los Angeles clearly manifests a desire to serve and a determination to protect the smaller communities in this the most vital of the community problems.

In City's Hands

We must look to Los Angeles for continued leadership in this important matter. Los Angeles as a city could accomplish this project alone. It has the assessed valuation which would make it possible, but all the outside cities combined could not do it—the bonding capacity is lacking and the expense too burdensome.

The future economic and industrial welfare of Southern California is in the hands of the city of Los Angeles—a challenge of unselfish service and helpfulness to smaller communities is on its threshold today.

Big--but Not Too Big

SECTION OF OWENS VALLEY aqueduct siphon. Large as it is, it's still too small to supply all the water Los Angeles needs.—(Padilla photo.)

'Property Will Gain $8,000,000,000 Value'

By Mayor John C. Porter

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With the recommendation of President Hoover to Congress for the appropriation of $10,600,000 to begin work on the Boulder Dam, the long-hoped-for Colorado River project promises to become a reality.

The fact that Southern California, with 60 per cent of the population and 20 per cent of the area, has but 1 per cent of the water of the state, necessitates that the cities of the coastal plain go so far afield and undertake such an enormous project as that involved in bringing the waters of the Colorado River to this region. In spite of the magnitude of the project, it is economically sound and it will create a wealth of opportunity almost immeasurable.

Specific Benefits

The benefits to be derived from this water are specific in character and manifold in form. They cover the whole range of the benefits that are attributable to modern progress. If we would have progress in a semi-arid region, we must have water. That is as inexorable as the law of gravitation.

We can "get along" without many things, though to our great disadvantage perhaps. But water is the one element in human existence for which there is no substitute.

With an ample supply of water and other necessities that will become available along with it, including the by-product, power, Los Angeles and her sister cities of the coastal plain will continue on their triumphal way to that high destiny which the Ruler of the Universe evidently had in store for us when He inspired strong men and brave and loyal women to lay the foundations of the vast empire we see today in the making.

The application of water to our rich desert soils operates, with our beneficent sunshine, to create one of the world's most beautiful garden spots. This supply of water, and our scenic surroundings, make possible the building of cities that promise to surpass in splendor the magnificent creations of classic Greece, ancient Rome, or the great cities of modern Europe.

Careful economic studies

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PER CAPITA COST $5 YEAR, SAYS BULLOCK

'$20,000,000 Maximum Annual Charges Will Be Absorbed by 4,000,000 Then Living Here'

By John G. Bullock
Los Angeles Member, Metropolitan Water District Board

The proposed Colorado River Aqueduct is not merely a sound undertaking and good business—it is a necessity, as adequate water and power is a necessity to the stability and prosperity of every community.

The future of Los Angeles, Southern California and the entire Southwest must be visualized in terms of even more rapid growth than that which has marked the remarkable progress of the past few years.

Measures must be taken to meet the needs of this growth that are of equal stature with that of the growth itself—such is the stature of the Colorado River Aqueduct. There is no substitute for water. The bigger the size of the community, the more water it will need—and Los Angeles and Southern California are destined to be very big indeed.

Need Established

The reports of experts on the requirements and the available water production for this coastal plain establish definitely the need for this development.

Every city in this area that expects to grow—and that includes all of them—is fully aware that it will outgrow its present water supply. That there will be demand for more water there cannot be the least doubt. That the aqueduct is a feasible engineering project is in the same category of certainty.

There remains the question of cost and of the ability of these communities to foot the bill.

I am told by our engineers that the maximum total charges for any year will be less than $20,000,000, this including power costs as well as interest and amortization on bonds. By the time this is incurred it is estimated that cities within the Metropolitan Water District will have a population of 4,000,000. This would mean a per capita obligation of $5 a year.

Self-Supporting

When Los Angeles voted the Owens River bonds, involving annual charges of more than $1,600,000, the population was 160,000. In other words, the

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'Work on Aqueduct Proceeding at Rate of $75,000 Per Month'

By George H. Hutton
Santa Monica Member Metropolitan Water District Board

The right to take water from a Government stream like the Colorado River is much like the right to take land by homestead.

The homesteader must select his land, file on the land in a Government land office and then live on it and proceed with reasonable diligence to improve it. When this is done to the satisfaction of the Government the homesteader gets his patent, which gives him a perfect title, providing, of course, there are no conflicting claims. But even then the land may be forfeited back to the Government or some subdivision thereof for nonpayment of taxes.

Like Homesteader

In like manner an appropriator of water from a Government stream determines the amount of water he can put to a beneficial use, locates the point of diversion and files on it. Then, like the homesteader, the appropriator must get on the job until his diversion canal is completed and the water put to a beneficial use.

When this is done, his rights under the appropriation are perfected and can only revert back to the Government through abandonment of the project. (Provided, of course, there are no conflicting valid prior appropriations.)

In Good Faith

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has filed its appropriation of 1,100,000 acre feet, or 1500 second feet constant flow. This amount of water would fill a 100-foot street 15 feet deep traveling 1 foot per second. This appropriation was made in good faith, was tentatively recognized by the Santa Fe compact and directly acknowledged by the Secretary of the Interior last month.

We are diligently on the job with our surveyors laying out a line upon which to construct an equeduct. Nearly $2,000,000 already has been spent and the work is proceeding at the rate of $75,000 per month. This is certainly exercising due diligence.

Can Lose Status

If the voters vote the bonds when the time comes, so we will have the money to maintain the present stride of due diligence, the title of the Metropolitan District to the 1500 second feet of water appropriated will become a perfect title for all time to come.

We can lose our present excellent legal status, however, just as a homesteader can lose his rights to perfect his title by failure to stay on the job. But if we stay on the job and work with due diligence until the water is actually in use, then we certainly can read our title clear.

'Two Cities in Orange County to Benefit; Dozen More Should'

By Col. S. H. Finley
Santa Ana Member Metropolitan Water District Board

Years ago I foresaw the time when Orange County would be feeling the effects of a shortage of water to keep up with the increasing population and agricultural development.

As a result I took an active interest, as director, in the organization and activities of the Boulder Dam Association, which directed its efforts in promoting legislation looking to the building of a dam on the Colorado River to store the excess water for use in this southwestern area.

Measure Passed

That association promoted the organization of the Colorado River Aqueduct Association, of which I had the honor to serve as secretary, having for its purpose the organization of the necessary legal unit for transporting the water stored by Boulder Dam to the cities of the coastal plain in Southern California.

These efforts resulted in the passage of the Metropolitan Water District Act by the Legislature of 1927, under which authority the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was organized in 1928.

Two Cities In

Two cities of Orange County—Anaheim and Santa Ana—wishing to become units of this great enterprise and have a part in directing its organization and activities, became charter members of this district. A dozen other cities of the county are equally in need of the benefits to be derived from membership in the district, and later may be impelled to become a part of it.

The necessity for providing additional water for any community that expects to grow, applies equally as well to all.

The time is at hand when prospective residents or business enterprises, seeking a location in this section, are going to investigate the provisions for an additional water supply before deciding on the community in which to establish themselves. Heading the list of questions which they will ask about the various cities will be, "Is it a member of the Metropolitan Water District?" and this will take precedence, in determining their choice of residence, over inquiries about climate, churches, school, richness of soil, etc.

Vital Question

The community which can answer that question in the affirmative is the one which will grow, rather than the one that depends on pumping water from a depleting underground reservoir.

The vital question for each city and domestic water district to decide for itself is—will it avail itself of the opportunity while there is yet time?

Will Hays Sketches Dramatic Story of Films' Rise

REGARDED AS SCARCELY MORE THAN TOY IN 1900

'Since Has Established Democracy of Entertainment, Serving International Audience of 250,000,000 Persons Weekly'

By Will H. Hays
President Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc.

THE history of American enterprise has no chapter more dramatic than the rise of the motion picture from its lowly origin, its haphazard and chaotic youth to its present eminence as an agency for popular entertainment, education and inspiration unparalleled in its scope.

In 1900 the motion picture was scarcely more than a toy. Very few people took it seriously. Its future was problematical.

Today the motion picture has established a democracy of entertainment, serving an international audience of 250,000,000 weekly. It has become the melting pot of the arts, and its studios and laboratories are attracting from all countries scientists and craftsmen of the first rank.

From a financial standpoint the industry has progressed from a speculative to a well-established and stable business.

15,000,000 a Week

The total capital invested in the industry has climbed to many millions, indeed, distributed among nearly 100,000 stockholders of the major producing companies and tens of thousands of others who share in theater ownership throughout the country.

The weekly attendance at motion picture theaters has been increased during the last year by 15,000,000. The rising popularity of screen entertainment, and the vital function it fulfills daily in meeting the universal need for healthful recreation, is attested by the steady patronage of the movies.

While the screen's primary function is to provide entertainment, it has actually grown to be an every-day recreational necessity in the lives of millions of people. This significant by-product of movie entertainment is receiving an increasing measure of attention from physicians and psychiatrists.

Dr. Franz Koelsch, industrial physician to the Bavarian Government, recently completed a series of experiments with the direct application of the motion pictures' recreational value to workers. This investigation, he reported, resulted in positive evidence that the screen has become an indispensable asset to the community health.

"I believe, as a physician," he said, "that if this invention had not come at this time, and had not been developed with the excellence which American producers brought to its perfection, that the routine of modern life would have pent up human emotions and tensed human nerves until there might well have come an eruption volcanic enough to disrupt society."

Production Code

The adoption of the new production code represents the latest step taken by the industry to shape its entertainment product in accordance with the better standards of life. It represents both a determination and a pledge on the part of producers to acknowledge their responsibility to the vast audience which depends on the screen for its family entertainment.

The industry has resolved that the screen shall not become a medium either for professional free-thinkers or professional moralists.

It aims only to offer the kind of entertainment that the great majority of normal people desire. It aims to maintain the integrity of the motion picture as a democracy of entertainment.

The adoption of the new production code means just that.

BOULDER CANYON---SOUTHLAND'S HOPE

BRUCE WARNS OF NECESSITY

By Harvey E. Bruce
Burbank Member, Metropolitan Water District Board

Skating party. All is well. Crowd is doubled. Sharp, cutting report heard as ice cracks across the lake. Crowd of thoughtless merrymakers continues to increase. Signs of danger go unheeded. Crash! Shrieks! Silence! Pitiless, inexorable nature has imposed her penalty.

Many cities and communities in this state are growing today far beyond their native water supply. Commissioners, boards, engineers are giving them sharp, cutting, emphatic warnings of coming disaster seemingly to no purpose.

Nature's Way

Nineteen-thirteen Greeley, Colorado, and Phoenix found the springtime fruited deep in pleasing prospects. April, May and June passed without rainfall. The irrigation ditches dried up. August saw the lawns, the crops, the trees die. In September cottages and palatial houses alike stood amid the swirling sand dunes of a superheated desert.

That is Mother Nature's way. Allow the water supply to become exhausted and this blessed land, with all its millions of people and its billions of property, will rapidly return to the desert from whence it came.

Yea, to a worse one because her mountains have been denuded of vegetation and her underground lakes, which took ages to fill, are being pumped dry to keep the present generation going.

Water—Or Perish

We must have water or perish, not alone of thirst, but for lack of food, clothing and shelter. It will be the beginning of the end when this part of the state fails to secure and keep its inhabitants supplied with potable water.

To furnish a dependable and all sufficient water supply as soon as possible is the stupendous task the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has set its hand and heart to do.

The directors are investigating and studying every factor of hazard, every element of chance, every possible obstacle, every legal phase, every engineering difficulty and every scheme of costs.

The Colorado River water must be brought here. The skill, the energy and the genius of the people of the state will find a way to do it.

Famous Aqueducts of World Compared

Greater in capacity than any aqueduct ever built in the long and brilliant history of such enterprises will be the huge water carrier connecting the Southern California Coastal Plain with its source of supply on the Colorado River.

This is saying a good deal, for there have been many great and famous aqueducts. Rome produced several, all of them marvels of engineering skill. Egypt had great aqueducts. So had Carthage, Jerusalem, cities of Syria, Athens and other centers of the ancient world.

Here are some of the best known aqueducts of all time, with the Colorado River Aqueduct, still (but certainly) to be built, heading the list.

Name.	Date.	Length In Miles.	Capacity in Millions of Gallons Per Day.
Colorado River		300 (est.)	970.0
ROMAN			
Appia	313 B. C.	16	13.5
Anio Vetris	273 B. C.	40	61.0
Marcia	145 B. C.	65	40.0
Tepula	126 B. C.	12	.5
Julia	33 B. C.	12	9.8
Virgo	19 B. C.	20	7.5
Claudia	39 A. D.	42	24.0
Anio Novus	40 A. D.	54	63.0
Hadrian (Athens)	140 A. D.	15	2.5
MODERN			
Old Croton (N. Y.)	1841	41	80.0
Glasgow	1859	35	76.0
Vienna	1873	56	40.0
Boston	1878	12	300.0
New Croton	1891	31	300.0
Liverpool	1891	68	40.0
London	1892	53.5	40.6
Manchester	1894	96	50.0
Los Angeles	1913	223	258.0
Catskill (N. Y.)	1917	110	600.0
Taranto (Italy)	1923	152	110.0

'RESERVOIRS BEING DRAINED'

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ishment of the underground reservoirs during good years.

The driest three-year period of the last decade occurred from 1922 to 1925, with a combined precipitation in Los Angeles of 24.2 inches, less than half of normal. This condition caused a shortage amounting to a crisis in water supplies and power development.

It is conceivable that a very serious shortage of water supply dependent largely upon local and present developments might accompany a period of extremely low precipitation as occurred in the eleven years from 1893 to 1904.

Drouths of Old

Of these eleven years the first registered 6.73 inches in Los Angeles, and seven years of the period averaged only 7.9 inches, while the rainfall of three consecutive years from 1897 to 1900 only aggregated 20.66 inches. Such deficient precipitation has not been experienced again during the last thirty years but it was not without repeated precedent.

It is pertinent to cite the fact that since Los Angeles attained a population in excess of 200,000, there has not occurred a drouth comparable to those in or about 1791, 1809, 1828, 1845, 1858, 1863, 1877 or 1900. A presumption that conditions of the past twenty-five years represent the most unfavorable which are to be experienced can hardly be regarded as a safe basis for supplying future water requirements.

Present Shortage

If some means are not accomplished during the next ten years or thereabouts for offsetting the present shortages and greater ones in prospect, the recurrence of a series of years with successive subnormal precipitation would surely have serious economic consequences.

Small additions of fifty or a hundred cubic feet per second from Mono Basin or elsewhere would make valuable supplements to present supplies but will not go far toward the 1500 cubic feet per second which careful estimates indicate will be required to provide for the development in near prospect, of the metropolitan area of Los Angeles.

This water can only be obtained from the Colorado River and the opportunity to secure this great addition to our water supply is at hand.

'Oil Activity Keeping in Step With Water'

By W. Kenneth Hayes
Financial Editor, Los Angeles Examiner

Oil and water do mix—in a business way!

California's greatest industry—oil—and California's greatest need—water—have been mixed up in a business way ever since shepherds wandering in the dales of Ventura County, ninety years ago, looking for water holes for their flocks, first found seepages of petroleum.

Development of the Metropolitan Water District, in a commercial and industrial way, during the last ten years has been largely contingent on the development of the oil industry. The oil needs and water needs of that development have been fulfilled, the first more than fulfilled and the latter to a fair degree. The continued development of the oil industry in the basin, and hence the continued prosperity of the district, is contingent upon the mixing of sufficient water with the oil.

Development of California's oil resources has outstripped, without question, the development of California's water resources. The year 1929 saw the state produce 292,037,000 barrels of oil, marking a new peak for yearly production and distancing the former high of 262,000,000 barrels attained in 1923.

Of the huge total produced last year, more than half came from the Los Angeles basin, which constitutes the greater portion of the Metropolitan Water District. More astounding is the fact that the Los Angeles basin has been producing more than half of the state's total output of oil every year for the last decade.

The present daily potential production of the proved fields in the Los Angeles basin was set on May 15 at 574,080 barrels, or more than half of the state's daily potential production of 1,107,050 barrels. Nineteen fields are listed in the district, with Santa Fe Springs having a daily potential of

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SOUTHLAND'S CULTURE LEADERSHIP AT STAKE

Never Can Become World Center of Music, Education, Art and Letters if Future Finds It Choked by Insufficient Water

By Joseph Timmons

Boulder Dam will be by far the world's greatest dam. It will store for domestic and agricultural use, with incidental, but highly important employment in power generation, about ten times as much water as any other dam stores. The aqueduct will be a worthy companion-piece to the dam.

Groups of splendid men and women are planning and working in causes, the purpose of which is to give Los Angeles and Southern California leadership in education, in music, in art, in letters, in all forms of culture and human well-being and happiness. But what if we run out of water? If Los Angeles and its neighboring cities presently shall come to the limit of their water supply and become ugly through taking water from lawns and shrubs, flowers and trees? And start down hill from combined effect of ugliness and shrinkage of industries?

Men of Vision

The answer is plain. The work of these devoted groups will have been wasted. Los Angeles will never be a world center of education and music and art if at a population limit of about 2,500,000 it slows down and chokes for water and parches and turns dusty.

This country must continue to gain on the desert. If its people go to sleep on the job and the desert gets the upper hand and starts to close in on the civilization of Southern California, that civilization will be licked.

The men who had vision enough to see that the Los Angeles of 1904, with 160,000 inhabitants, must go to the Owens River for water, and who in 1924 likewise saw that the Los Angeles of 960,000 must go to the Colorado River for water, are the men who comprehend that unless the physical basis is provided for a great city's uninterrupted development, that city, Los Angeles, will never become a world center of culture.

If Boulder Dam is built and the aqueduct constructed, nobody will be able to prevent Los Angeles from becoming a great, shining, beautiful city of culture and happiness.

William Mulholland inspired Los Angeles to go 250 miles across the desert to get Owens River water. Twenty years later, in 1924, he disclosed to the House committee on irrigation and reclamation in Washington and at the same time to the people of this city the astounding fact that again exhaustion of our domestic water supply was in sight. There was no place else to go, he said, but to the Colorado River.

Southland United

That was the inception of the movement for the Colorado River aqueduct. That movement united Southern California back of Boulder Dam legislation. If we do not remain everlastingly grateful to Bill Mulholland the water from our faucets ought to turn bitter as quinine in our mouths.

Ten cities have joined Los Angeles in the Metropolitan Water District.

Long Beach, Alhambra, Riverside, Pomona and a score of smaller cities and towns ought to be in, and most of them will be in. No city in the Southern California coastal plain has a water supply that will enable it to grow to what it may grow with more water.

'Benefits Can Not Be Overestimated'

By C. A. Hutchinson
Colton Member Metropolitan Water District Board

The city of Colton lies in the center of the great San Bernardino Valley. Because of its central position and its many radiating railroads and boulevards, it is known as the "Hub City" and as an industrial center. It is immediately surrounded by a group of municipalities embracing a population of more than 100,000 persons and many thousands of acres of citrus groves and richly producing agricultural lands.

The city of Colton can be considered as one of the pioneers in water-right acquisitions and developments. Our municipality is a charter member of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and one of the early sponsors and contributors looking toward the carrying out of the Colorado River projects.

Insuring Growth

The acquired water rights of our city are sufficient to provide a plentiful water supply to a community of four times our present population, provided that our industrial expansion is not taken into consideration. However, Colton is an industrial and commercial center, and provision must be made to secure an ample supply of water to meet the demands of developments that are constantly crowding in upon us.

When we visualize our needs for water in the not-far-distant future we realize that our only hope lies in the building of the great Colorado River aqueduct that will bring to our doorway the abundance of water that we must have to meet the requirements that our future growth and industrial expansion will demand.

Growth Assured

The benefits that the "Hub City" will derive from the building of the Boulder Dam and the Metropolitan Water District's aqueduct cannot be too highly estimated. The water and power that we will receive at the completion of these two great projects will insure to us our continued growth and development and our complete prosperity and future happiness.

'Progress Assured by Bonds Passing'

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and practicable to build an aqueduct from the Colorado River to the cities of Southern California.

Mr. Mulholland's predictions of 1923 relative to the water needs of Los Angeles and her sister cities in Southern California have been borne out during the past seven years—and his early declaration that a Colorado River Aqueduct would be feasible and practicable also has been supported by seven years of detailed survey work and expert engineering study.

Field Surveys

Beginning in October, 1923, the Department of Water and Power, under the direction of Mr. Mulholland and later under my own direction as head of the Water Bureau, pushed forward field surveys on the Colorado Aqueduct project. In 1925 the people of the city authorized a $2,000,000 bond issue to finance preliminary engineering studies and to acquire rights of way and other physical properties needed in connection with the water line.

In December, 1928, in line with authority granted by a state act previously adopted, eleven cities in Southern California, including Los Angeles, organized the Metropolitan Water District. Mr. Frank E. Weymouth, for many years chief engineer of the U. S. Reclamation Service, was appointed as chief engineer of the new district, and since that time actively and ably has been in charge of the engineering work on the aqueduct project.

In view of the fact that Los Angeles is now securing the major portion of its water supply through the Owens River Aqueduct, 250 miles long, and is planning to provide a future supply by means of the Colorado River Aqueduct, which may be approximately 300 miles long, it is interesting to compare the two great water lines.

In the first place, it should be understood that the Owens River Aqueduct, after it has been enlarged in line with the recent authorized water program, will have a minimum capacity of 440 cubic feet per second, while the Colorado River Aqueduct is being planned to deliver 1500 cubic feet per second—more than three times larger.

Work for 4000

It is estimated that 7,500,000 persons safely can be cared for with water from the Colorado River Aqueduct, in addition to the three millions expected to be in Los Angeles and neighboring cities by the time the river water is made available.

Physically, the task of constructing the Colorado River Aqueduct will be gigantic. It will require, perhaps, eight or ten years, and will keep approximately 4000 men constantly employed for that time. The Owens River Aqueduct was constructed in five years, and at its peak of construction activity about 3500 men were on the job.

System Third Largest in U. S.

Los Angeles today possesses the third largest water distributing system in the United States. Homes, stores, buildings and factories of the city are served by more than 3200 miles of mains, which range from 4 to 36 inches in diameter. This great network of pipe lines, if placed in a single straight line, would reach across the continent.

16 Reservoirs Required in City

To conserve water from the Owens Valley aqueduct throughout the year, sixteen storage reservoirs have been constructed within the city. Their capacity is 30,000,000,000 gallons. The city at present consumes, for domestic purposes, as much as 156,000,000 gallons a day. The per capita consumption, on an average, amounts to 120 gallons a day.

The Colorado River Aqueduct

How It Will Be Built and What It Will Do for Southern California

PROJECT IS BIGGEST IN THE WORLD

By John L. Von Blon
Illustrated by Charles H. Owens

WHEN William Mulholland built the Los Angeles Aqueduct and brought sufficient sparkling water for 2,000,000 population 250 miles from the snow-crested heights of the Sierra Nevada it was the general belief that this wonder city's needs probably were forever provided for.

Nobody then living, though we were and are a community of optimists, could conceive that here within a remarkably brief period would be a throbbing modern metropolis so great and so swiftly expanding that a new source, one affording a practically inexhaustible supply, must be sought.

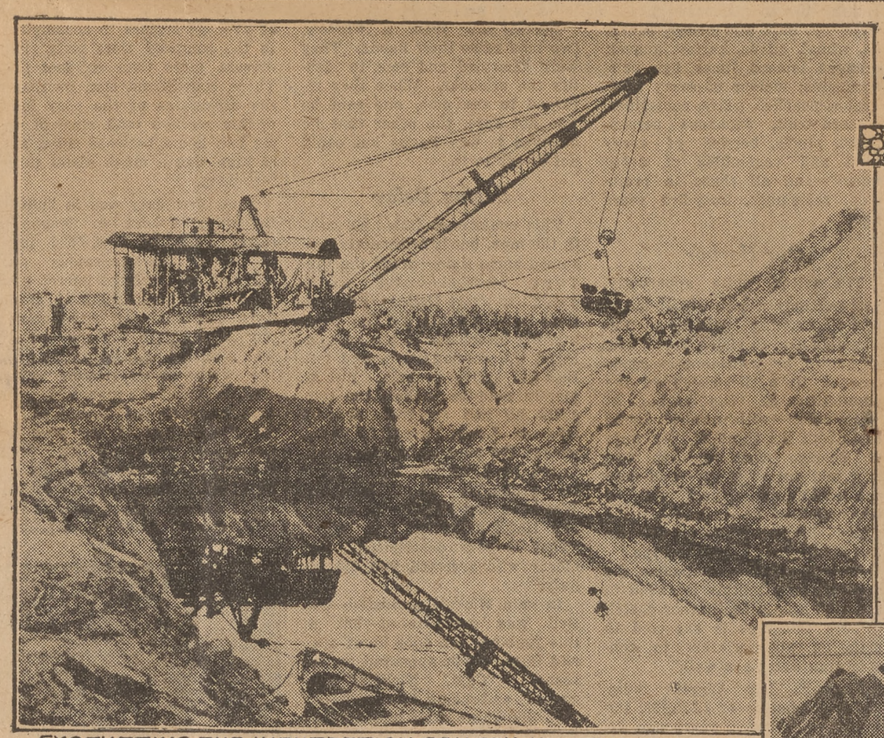
The distinguished chief engineer himself, far-visioned and calculating, gave no thought to such a contingency. It looked to him then, Mr. Mulholland said yesterday, as if there might eventually be half a million residents. He did not dream that he would be called upon to construct another stupendous watercourse which should dwarf that from the Owens Valley, the outstanding municipal achievement of its kind, completed in 1913.

Pouring In

That half million came in a hurry, and the first million. Even more quickly poured in the first quarter of the second million when the population doubled itself during the past seven years. Prosperity made this the conspicuous white spot on the universal map. Industries grew apace, the harbor developed into a dominant world port, and our future assumes the brilliancy of the noonday sun.

Thus it transpired that less than a decade after the Owens River was flowing into Los Angeles the early and imperative necessity for more water made itself apparent. We had in sight the 2,000,000 that can be served by the 400 second feet which the original enterprise yields from the northward!

Other than to the Colorado, third largest river of the United States, there was no place to turn for the filling of our coming aqueous wants; and so, in the autumn of 1923, we see Mr. Mulholland, with his blankets on his back, leading an exploration party of engineers along the mighty current below the Boulder Dam site to determine where a generous measure of the stream from the Rocky Mountains could best be taken out for delivery to the chief city of the Pacific, the feasibility of bringing it here having been established.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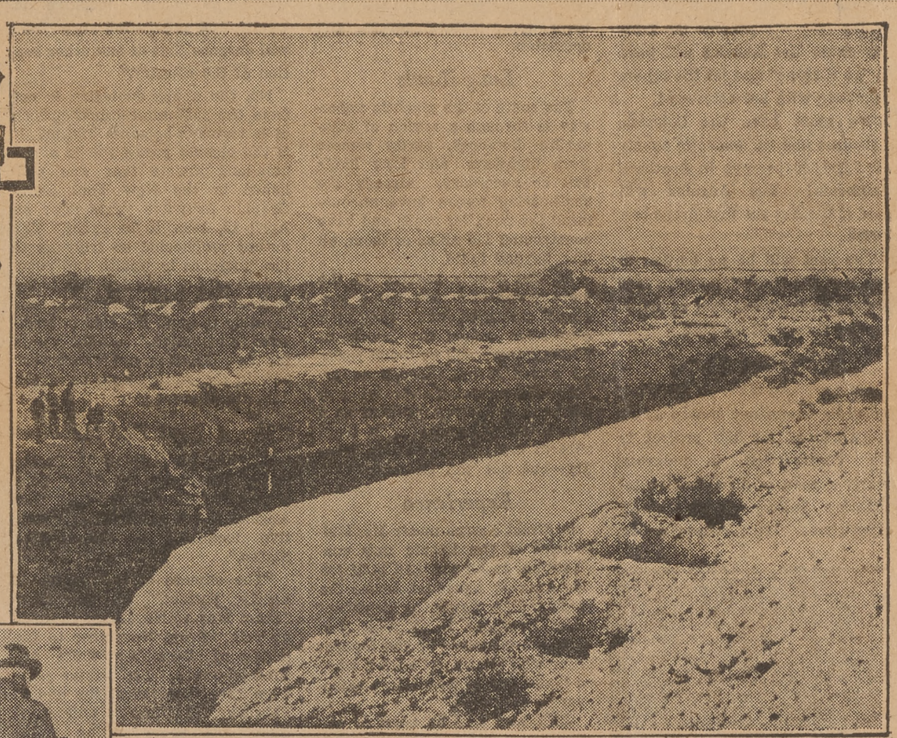

POINT WHERE AQUEDUCT WATER WILL BE TAKEN OUT.

CHIEF ENGINEER MULHOLLAND IN THE FIELD

Down to Work

Nearly twenty years before he had trudged the mountains and deserts of Inyo for forty days to formulate plans for transferring the distant Owens River waters hither. Now he was repeating that performance on a scale multiplied by four but it didn't take as long.

Preliminary work, seemingly almost infinite in its scope and endless as to ramifications and time, was begun Oct. 29, 1923, and is vigorously prosecuted. E. A. Bayley, one of the veteran engineers of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, who went out with the first party and remained to the finish, is in charge of these activities. Operations are carried on from headquarters here, with a field office, supply depot and boarding camp at Beaumont. Seventy-five to eighty men are engaged on the surveys, field investigations, drafting and numerous other exacting technical phases of the undertaking.

This force has laid out four tentative main routes, each with its variations, and mapped 18,000 square miles of territory never before topgraphically charted which is embraced in an immense relief map covering 50,000 square miles now practically completed and in daily use in the local offices.

Necessary economical studies are being made and cost estimates prepared on all the routes. These will be closely compared and the final line accordingly decided upon. This task alone is Herculean in view of the enormous amount of money construction will involve. Of $2,500,000 made available for preparatory work by bond issues only about one-fourth has thus far been expended.

Greatest Aqueduct

Two hundred and sixty miles long, carrying 1500 second feet of fluid, and costing probably a little less than $200,000,000, the Colorado Aqueduct will in dimensions, capacity and all other respects be the largest on the globe, though to be created by a municipality which already has the longest extant. It will be a magnificent demonstration to all the world of Southern California's initiative and progressiveness.

Especially noteworthy will this be as an "up-hill" artificial channel since the water will have to be lifted to a sufficient height to surmount the Little San Bernardino Mountains and go under San Gorgonio Pass at the requisite level. Although the river at the intake and the destination, this

HUGE TASK IS ALREADY UNDER WAY

city, are practically the same elevation, a few hundred feet above the sea, the raise between will be a total of 1600 to 1700 feet, dependent upon the grades adopted.

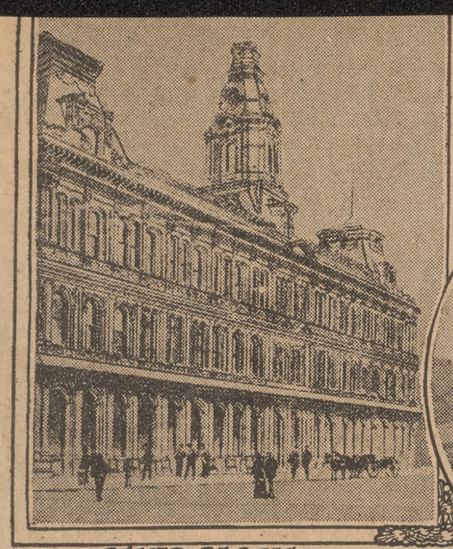
An extraordinary fact in this connection is brought out by figures which show that the lift can be accomplished without increasing the water cost in Los Angeles more than 5 cents per 100 cubic feet; and the rate then would be considerably lower than those in most other American cities and but two-thirds that now prevalent in San Francisco.

There will be 175 to 185 miles of concrete-lined and covered conduit horseshoe type, approximately sixteen feet in diameter. This will be similar to New York City's Catskill Aqueduct except that it will be fully buried as a guaranty against damage from cloudbursts while that in the East is partially exposed, the climatic conditions being decidedly different.

Sixty to seventy-five miles of concrete-lined tunnels sixteen to eighteen feet in diameter and also horse-shoe shaped will have to be bored—a matter of eternity to any but the most patient of men. The longest stretch will be twenty-six miles through San Gorgonio Pass, so far down that the town of Beaumont will be perced almost a fifth of a mile above the vaulted passage and Banning 800 feet.

Shafts are to be sunk every four and a half miles to expedite construction in four or five years. Drill holes to grade to disclose the nature of the formation soon will be started there. Generally speaking the country rock appears to be granite and therefore favorable for tunneling purposes.

Opposite Indio will be a series of thirty or more miles of bores and several between Beaumont and this city as indicated on the accompanying map. The northern end of a long one will emerge in Redlands to become an immense conduit.



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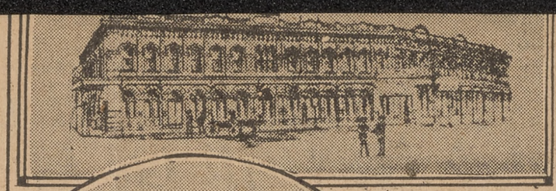

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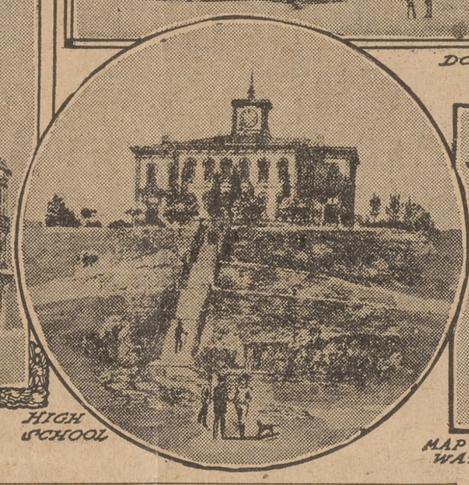

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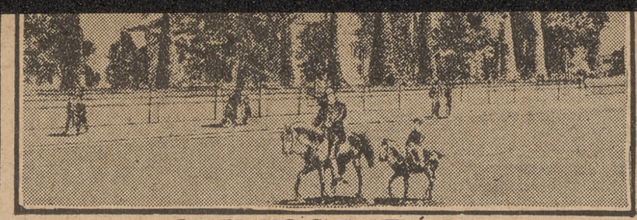
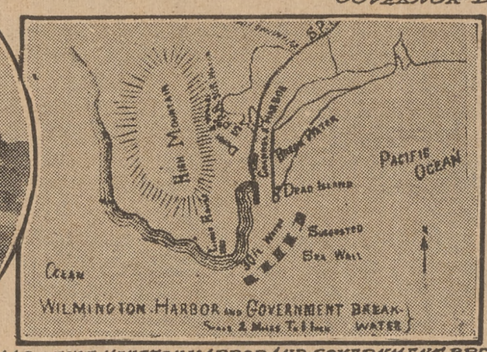
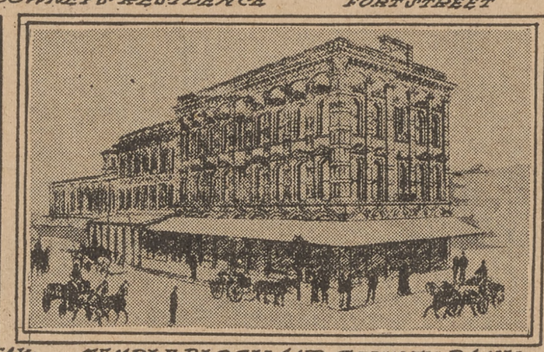


GOVERNOR DOWNEY'S RESIDENCE

FORT STREET



MAP OF WILMINGTON HARBOR AND GOVERNMENT BREAK-WATER.



TEMPLE BLOCK AND COUNTY BANK

MAIN STREET FROM TEMPLE BLOCK

GREATEST MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM IN THE WORLD WILL SERVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S GROWING POPULATION

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handle. From Shaver's Summit, twenty-five miles northeast of Mecca, gravity will bring the stream 170 miles and to Los Angeles.

Beginning at a point about twenty miles north of Blythe the route as now outlined is down between the Maria Mountains and the river, through the Chuckawalla Valley, under the Little San Bernardino Mountains along the northerly skyline of the Coachella Valley and over them above Whitewater; deep beneath the pass between lofty Mts. San Gorgonio and San Jacinto, thence along the San Bernardino and Sierra Madre Mountains through Redlands, just to the north of San Bernardino, past Upland, Ontario, Claremont, Pomona, Glendora, Azusa, Monrovia, Sierra Madre and other cities and towns and via Pasadena to Los Angeles.

Colorful Country

Although the general direction is almost due west the rugged and diversified character of the slashed and gashed and colorful country forces both south and north turns for considerable distances and makes the whole very crooked.

The aqueduct will traverse picturesque terrain of every description, from the hottest and most hopeless deserts to the most fertile and verdant vales; from blazing sand reaches where the heat waves dance like fire sprites and the myriad ocotillos rear aloft their spring blooms of flaming red to rich date gardens, orange and avocado groves and fields of fragrant roses; and from silent, sun-scorched utter wastes where humans cannot dwell to ideal home cities and estates and mansions. Except as to surpassing magnitude it will be much like that from the High Sierra—strikingly similar.

Awaiting Dam

Actual building of the aqueduct proper, a job so mammoth in its proportions that it is beyond the lay comprehension and will take thousands of men eight or more years to complete, cannot be begun until the Boulder Dam or its equivalent shall have been provided for by the government and the voting and marketing of municipal or district bonds thus made possible.

When that is done not an hour more than is legally necessary will be lost here, so energetically are the preliminaries being pushed.

Without the big dam for storage and control there will be no water available for diversion from the river; and without the cities, a score or more, which may desire and can find it physically practicable to join in the splendid enterprise, help bear the expense and share in the priceless benefits.

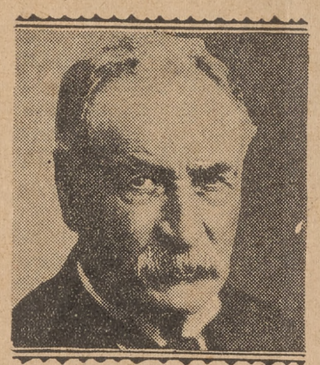
An enabling act is pending in the Legislature to authorize formation of a metropolitan water district with this object. Should this for any reason fail of passage or the intercity scheme lay from any cause Los Angeles will have to "go it alone" and let the others negotiate with her afterward.

We must have the Colorado Aqueduct and its domestic supply for 7,500,000 persons in Southern California! Los Angeles will need it the day the first drops can arrive.

The cost will be no burden to this rich incorporation—even less per capita than was that of bringing the Owens River here.

Infiltration Canal

Among many other of Mr. Mulholland's important measures of preparedness for the project is the construction, in progress nearly a year, of an extensive infiltration gallery about twenty miles above Blythe, where under



WILLIAM MULHOLLAND

present plans the intake will be located.

Along the river in that locality the formation was discovered to be a deep bed of gravel and sand having twelve miles frontage and in this a canal is being dug parallel to and 100 to 150 yards from the western bank, a Diesel-operated dragline shovel doing the ex- intake by this means until a clear product can make its way down the hundred-odd miles from the Boulder or Black Canyon reservoir, which may be a long time after impounding. The feature is attracting wide interest.

On each side of the canal is a wide twenty-five foot bank and the ends are, or will be, closed to prevent local drainage into it. Between the trench and the western embankment is a forty-foot berm to facilitate access and operation.

Long Roads

The route of the gigantic waterway is through a region of staggering distances, partly remote from highways, and long hauls will be necessary. Already the engineering forces have encountered the need for roads and have constructed 115 miles of them, all dirt, beyond Indio.

All the details bearing on the main proposition are being precisely managed and when the zero hour comes the Municipal Water Bureau will be found ready for action to put through an undertaking eclipsing everything of the kind in history. It will be a Gargantua of aqueducts in truth able to drink any ordinary river dry—but not the Colorado.

Experience

In direct charge under Mr. Mulholland of the titanic new construction, as he was and is of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, looms the commanding figure of Assistant Chief Engineer H. A. Van Norman, an executive of the highest order who knows not such a word as "fail" and succeeds in whatsoever he assumes.

With him will be most of the efficient staff that drove the other major enterprise through mountains and across burning wastes from Inyo to the Angel City and their experience will be invaluable.

Aqueduct delivery of the Colorado's contribution to Los Angeles will be on Boyle Heights, in Eagle Rock or at Garvanza or all three places, these being higher than the metropolis in general.

The present distributing system will be approximately adequate to handle the added supply when it shall come, though some changes and constant additions must be made. No impounding reservoir sites are available along the aqueduct and there will be none outside the cities using the water as the situation now stands.

Writer Gives Glowing Description of Entire Southwest California

"OF THIS part of the world (Los Angeles) it may safely be said that it has fewer objectionable features than probably any other region. It has the healthiest climate and most productive soil joined to all the conveniences of civilization, and its increase in wealth and population ere long will surpass that of any other section of the country."

No, the above quotation is not from the 1927 after-dinner speech of a trying-to-be-polite visitor. It is the closing paragraph in a column-long article that was published in the New York Daily Graphic forty-five years ago; on April 13, 1882, to be exact. The author prophesied so truly as to the "increase in wealth and population" of Los Angeles that today Eastern cities are struggling desperately to stem the tide of westward emigration. Kindly words for Los Angeles are "verboten" now in the editorial rooms of the Atlantic seaboard.

A Real Booster

Heading his article, "A Pacific Coast Paradise," the New York writer of 1882 declared that "Los Angeles is one of the most attractive localities in the United States."

"The climate of this region is nearly perfect," he continues. "From May to November there is no rain. From November to the middle of December there are some showers. The winter rains from that time until the end of February. In March and April there are some spring rains. Nearly two-thirds of the rain falls at night, so that it is generally pleasant to be out of doors all day. In summer the people very generally wear clothing of the lighter wool fabrics. There is no oppressive or enervating heat, Sunstroke is unknown and summer diseases never heard of. Children who would die of feebleness and lack of vitality in other lands, or who would grow up invalids to fill early graves, can here be reared to a robust maturity and live to a good old age.

The writer then admits that to attempt a detailed description of the products of this region "would require several issues of the Graphic." However, he does mention with enthusiasm a lengthy list that includes "corn, wine, oil, milk and honey, bananas, wheat, olives, barley, guavas, oranges, lemons, limes, figs, pomegranates, melons of every kind, apples, peaches, pears, nectarines, custard fruit, Japanese persimmons, plums, berries of every kind and vegetables of every name"—and all these in profusion, remember, forty-five years ago!

Our Harbor

The writer, quite apparently, was not only a man gifted to describe existing conditions but was able also to vision the future, as shown by considerable space devoted to a discussion of the possibilities of "the harbor at Wilmington—with natural facilities about the same as they were at Chicago when Chicago was first laid out as a city—and here the inhabitants expect will be transacted at no distant day the China shipping trade for the entire United States and Europe."

An engraving accompanies the article, and attention is called to a dotted line in the harbor sketch "where Congress is expected to make an appropriation to construct an outer sea wall."

Although Los Angeles today has a population of 1,322,453, the writer of forty-five years ago expressed considerable satisfaction in the fact that "the city of Los Angeles has a population of 16,000, and it is the business center of Southern California and Arizona and of the interior Pacific regions."

"There is a fine opening here for some able heavy capitalists to organize a fine wholesale importing business."

EXTRA! CALIFORNIA IS NO ISLAND!

Ancient Atlas Tells Truth About Our State

THE old idea that California was an island, according to the earliest maps of the world, is refuted by an interesting volume which has come into the permanent possession of a Southern Cali-

REMINISCENCES OF VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR INCLUDE UNTOLD STORIES ABOUT MARTYRED PRESIDENT LINCOLN

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the place, burn the place," and it quivered under the impact of heavy missiles.

Capt. Nickels was ready to faint from the pain in his side, the long run, and the horror of it all, when he was stimulated by hearing a man shout, "Is there anyone here who ever saw Lewis Payne? We don't want to hang the wrong man, nor burn the building if he isn't in it."

Nickels saw from a window, two men raise their hands. They were disarmed and sent to identify the prisoner. When they returned to the mob, one said he was not sure, the other that he believed it was Payne but could not swear to it.

Saving Delay

This conference failed to satisfy the mob, but it fortunately consumed some time—would the Provost Marshal—arrive soon enough to avert tragedy. Preparations were started for the burning, but dissension in the mob delayed the conflagration, and Col. Bell did arrive in time. But he merely read to Nickels the telegram he had received, descriptive of Lewis Payne: 19 years, weight 190 pounds, 6 feet tall, brown eyes, brown hair, upper lip protrudes when speaking. Was seen last in lobby of Annapolis Hotel at 10:30 last night, "That is your description. The officer who arrested you did his duty."

In vain Nickels protested—Col. Bell was unconvinced—but at this juncture the door burst open and Capt. Coffin appeared on the scene. "Capt. Nickels," he gasped, embracing him excitedly. Maj. Slaughter came and dragged me out of bed this morning and said you had been mobbed and hung for one of the assassins.' Here he turned on the Provost Marshal—"What does this mean, he demanded, "This man is my friend, he has fought for the Union more than I—two of his brothers were killed in the war, I brought him here, yesterday, not to be mobbed—but to give me legal advice, I can swear he was in this city two hours before the assault was made in Washington."

Col. Bell was dumb for a few moments, then he replied quietly—"I will call the ambulance and have Capt. Nickels sent to the hospital for treatment, you explain the mistake to the mob."

Nickels declined to go to the hospital and proceeding to Washington, arrived in time to look once more into the face of his such was not the case in the World War. The only inference is that today we are more barbarous than were the belligerents of that period.

Capt. Nickels and company were detailed to build a one-gun battery between Morris Island and Charleston. The order was couched by the general in words demanding 100 7-foot men—as it was considered an almost impossible feat for persons of average stature to accomplish. In the company were sixty river drivers, more than six feet tall. These courageous men overcame the difficulties of the oozy mire of this overflow land, clear of water two hours between tides, and at high tide a creek about three feet deep.

Their first duty was to build a flat-bottomed boat to transport thirty Palmetto logs, 500 bags of sand, an enormous gun carriage, and a huge parrot gun. They built their boats in three days. The engineer corps staked out the location for the battery just four and one half miles from the center of Charleston. They also furnished the men, who were to accomplish the hazardous enterprise, pine trees, the size of Christmas trees, which were stuck into the mud as a blind behind which they worked, for directly opposite, three and one-half miles across the harbor, Fort Moul-

CAPTAIN E. A. NICKELS

trie bristled. It was found that all must be done by night lest the menacing fort get their range. The intrepid men built a board walk in the mire over which they retreated to camp each day-dawn.

The mammoth gun carriage was mounted on a platform supported by sand bags. This task took twenty men with jack screws, blocks and tackle three moonlight nights.

In this engagement about seven miles below Richmond, the first charge on the enemy breastworks was successful, and the Union advance continued into the Confederate lines until it was halted by a dense fog enveloping friend and foe alike. It was impossible to distinguish Yank from Reb. Capt. Nickels's company of seventy dissolved and faded away in the fog. In searching for them he became hopelessly lost in the enemy territory.

He crossed a stream near a gushing spring, and in the gray dawn lingered long enough to drink and fill his canteen. Then rushing hopefully over the brow of a hill he met only groans of wounded Southern soldiers. A near-by cry for help halted him. He stooped over a white-haired Confederate stretched on the ground, blood and air oozing through a bullet hole in his chest. The old man begged to be lifted up. Young Nickels gathered him in his arms and leaned him against a tree. He poured the fresh spring water from his canteen down his enemy's throat, and was washing the clotted blood from his hands and face when a Southern soldier with fixed bayonet approached, and ordered him to surrender. Capt. Nickels's few moments of brotherly service had cost him his freedom, but he continued his ministrations to the aged Confederate, who protested vigorously against having his rescuer marched to Libby Prison. But the soldier was determined to do his duty He was taking Nickels away, while the old Rebel wailed, "It was the sweetest draught of water I ever tasted," when a distant cry of "father, father," shrilled upon their ears. "For God's sake, answer that before you go," the wounded man begged huskily, "I know that voice, it is my son.

Nickels shouted repeatedly with all his power, "Here is father, come this way."

Soon there was a sound of breaking brush, and a young Confederate major bounded into their midst and knelt by the old man against the tree, folding him in his arms and kissing him tenderly. "March," commanded Capt. Nickels's captor. "Halt," cried the major, "Two days I have hunted for my father. I had called for the last time. Our enemy's answering cry led me to him."

"My son," pleaded the aged sufferer, "Save this Yankee captain, but for him I would have died, no water for two days. Do not let him be rushed to prison."

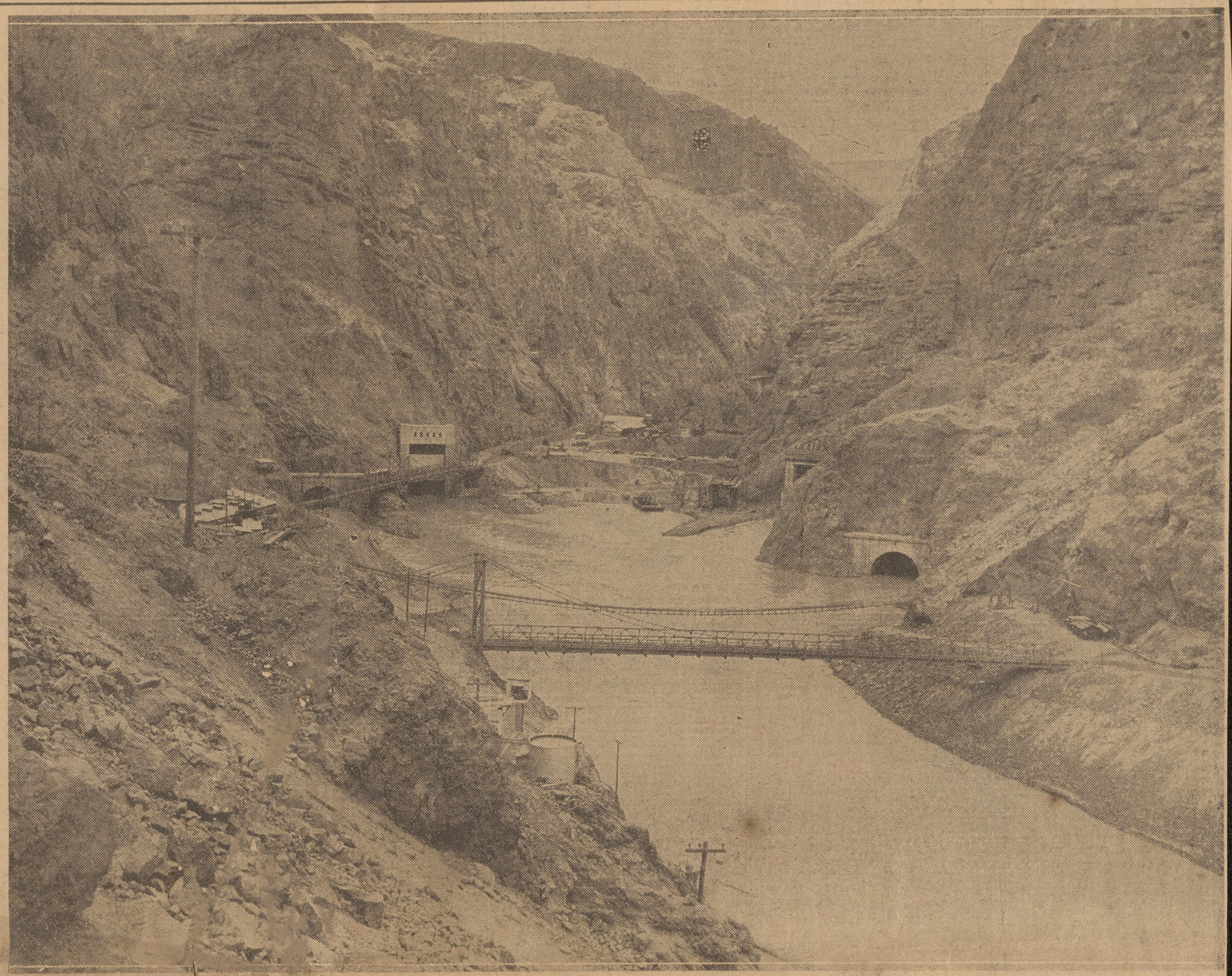
While we cleaned up the island pretty thoroughly as far as Indian material is concerned, nevertheless there must remain a great deal which is still hidden securely beneath the ever-shifting sands. From the size and number of the shell mounds all over the island, and from the amount of the relics that have been brought in at various times for the past fifty or sixty years, it is evident that there must have been several thousand Indians living upon San Nicolas at one time. Perhaps in five years' time, giving the sand and wind a good chance, there will be as much again as we found on this trip. And perhaps there will not. It is my belief that there still remains a good quantity of material there, however, and I should like very much to take part in another expedition in the not very distant future.

The man obeyed and Nickels was free, but still lost among enemies. The young major left his father for a few moments and led him along bypaths to the turnpike leading to the Union ranks. A brotherly handshake and the two men separated forever. Nickels found his way back to safety, warmed and heartened by the experience of loving service, and by the return of his

Great Colorado Aqueduct Launched—Celebration at Cabazon

SALUTE TO PROGRESS!—Smoke rising from mighty blast set off on Mount San Jacinto, celebrating start of aqueduct work.

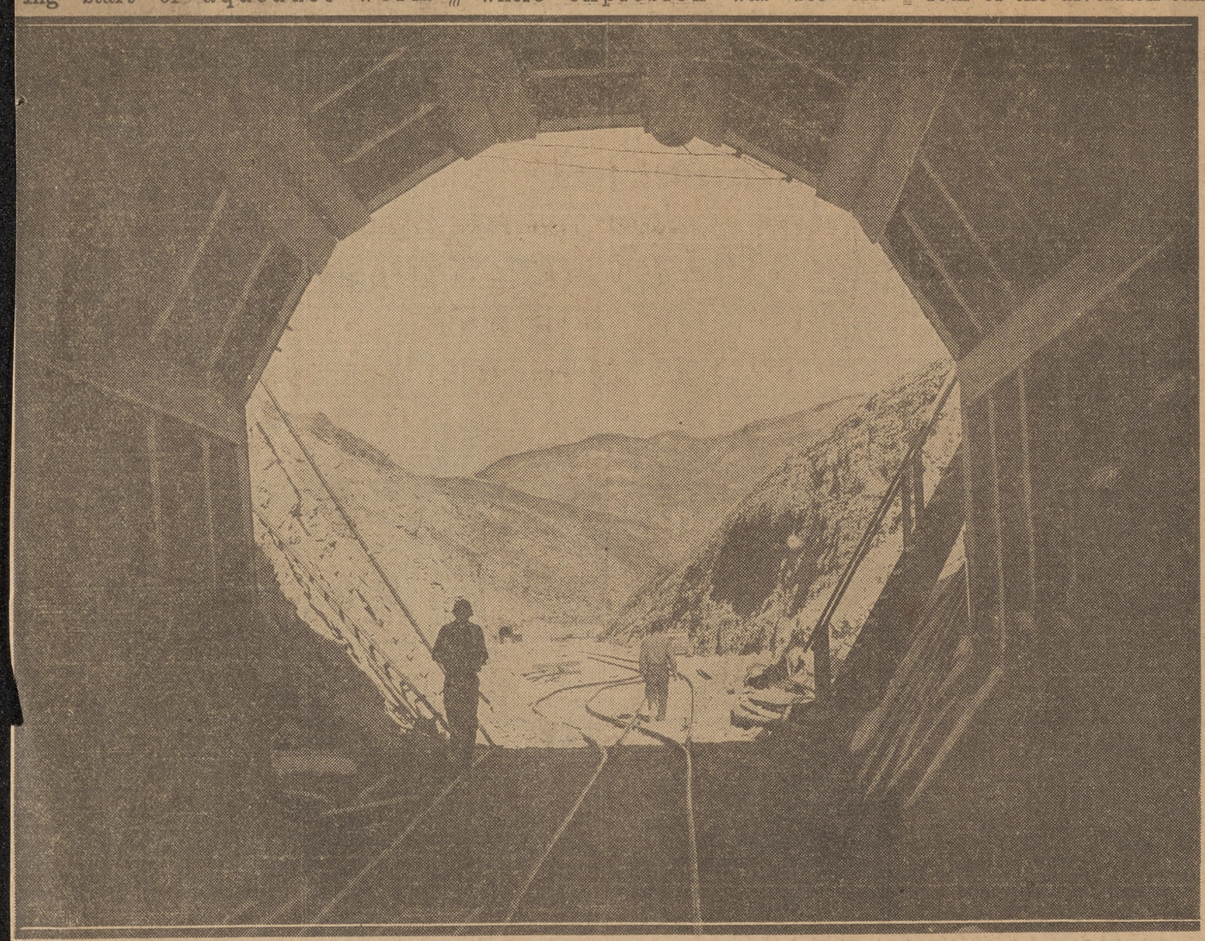
GATHERED AT CABAZON, thousands of persons took part in rites marking start of tunnel at point where explosion was set off.



LOOKING UP STREAM at the Boulder Dam site from below the great suspension bridge. The lower portals of all four of the diversion tunnels are shown.

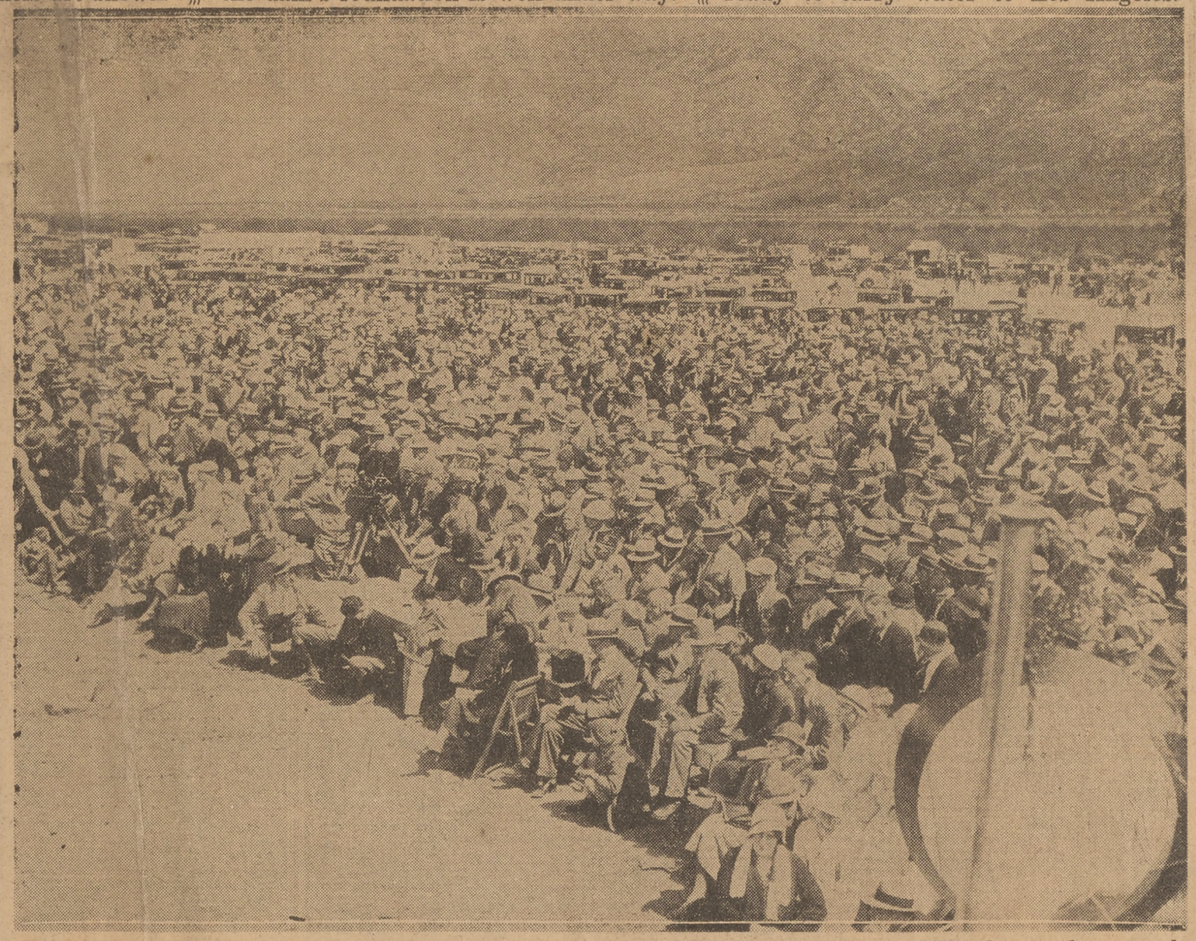
THE PRESENT RIVER STREAM is flowing through all four tunnels. Farther up the canyon the excavation for the dam's foundation is well under way.

THE GREAT RETAINING DAM in Black Canyon will be completed long before the Colorado River Aqueduct is ready to carry water to Los Angeles.



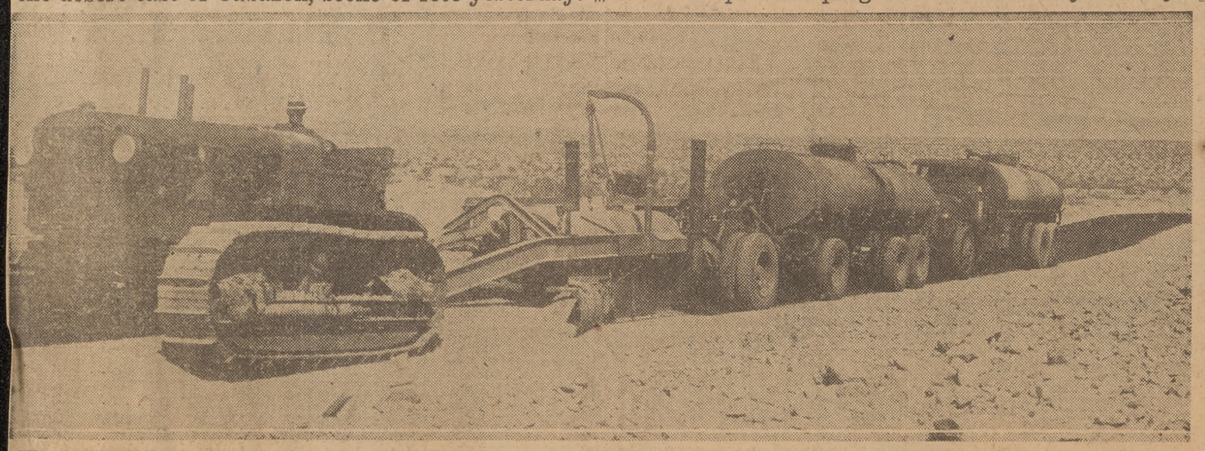
THIS IS A VIEW from the inside of the Thousand Palms portal of one of the series of the Coachella tunnels of the Colorado River Aqueduct. It is on the desert east of Cabazon, scene of fete yesterday.

INDIANS, COWBOYS, TUNNEL WORKERS and thousands of interested citizens of the district and executives and dignitaries from coast cities aided in the aqueduct progress celebration yesterday.



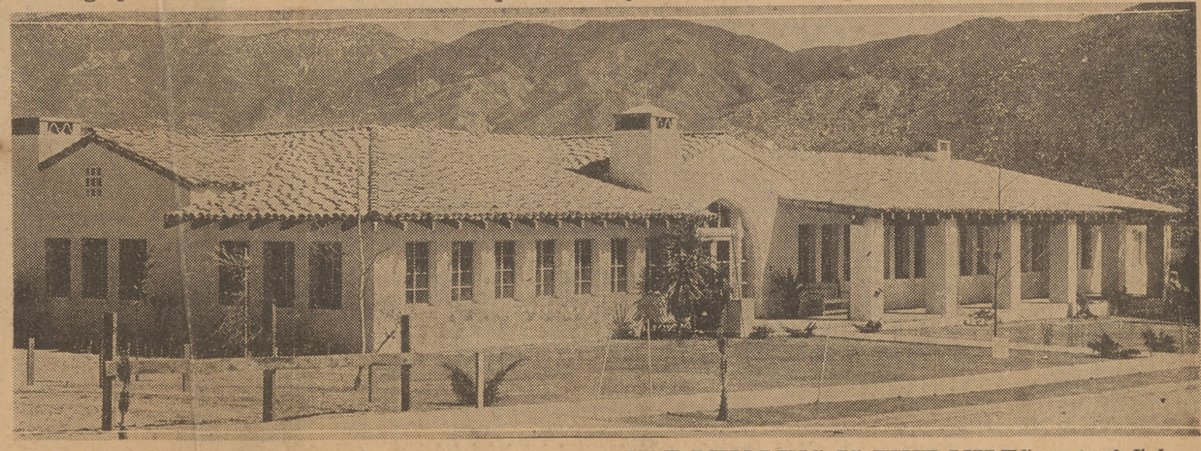
RALLYING FROM ALL PARTS of the Southland, multitudes met at Cabazon yesterday to witness colorful ceremonies inaugurating tunnel driving job for the Colorado River Aqueduct.

THESE PUBLIC-SPIRITED thousands, attending historic event, were entertained with ancient Hopi Indian rain dance and contrasting modern jazz. Tributes were paid to engineers. *Examiner photos.*



TRAVELING OIL AND GRAVEL mixer—this is only a part of the great mass of machinery in building the aqueduct and supplementary improvements. This road machine mixes gravel and oil as it travels.

IT IS BEING USED in building a part of the 125 miles of desert oil-gravel highway along the route of the aqueduct. The road is necessary for hauling materials and gives access to the aqueduct.



A CHARMING LITTLE CLUBHOUSE in center of the desert? No, it is permanent field headquarters for Metropolitan Water District at Banning. Aqueduct will be operated from this office.

THE BUILDING IS FIVE MILES east of Cabazon. The building, of Spanish design, was constructed to last for years under the punishment of the desert sun and frequent sandstorms.

SHAW ATTACKS PORTER POWER BUREAU FIGHT

Candidate for Mayor Promises to Support $87,000,000 Enterprise Owned by City

Launching his final campaign for the mayoralty, Supervisor Frank L. Shaw yesterday delivered an attack on Mayor Porter and "his irresponsible radio broadcasting aids" for their "false and misleading statements and intimations" regarding the people's $87,000,000 power and light enterprise. The candidate's statement was made to his campaign lieutenants in a stirring address at headquarters, 612 South Spring street.

"The assertions made by Mayor Porter and his campaign speakers to the effect that the present management of the Bureau of Power and Light is wasteful and inefficient, as compared with the management which he tried to fasten upon the municipal system, are absolutely without foundation in fact," Shaw declared.

"The charges of Mayor Porter and his reckless radio broadcasters are exactly identical with those which have been made by power trust agencies and echoes ever since the Los Angeles electric utility won its place as the most successful business of its kind under municipal ownership in the country. And I propose, as Mayor, to keep it on its present track, forging straight ahead.

"On this issue I recommend to the people of Los Angeles the statement issued by the citizens' committee, headed by Dr. John A. Eby. After citing many economies, help for unemployment and charitable relief credited to the bureau, the committee states:

"'Only an institution wisely, prudently and economically managed could submit such a record as this.'

"The Mayor's attack upon the record and management of the Bureau of Power and Light, consisting of fabrications and distortions, tend to weaken and discredit the people's great electric enterprise, which already has put millions and will put millions more into their pockets. These false charges must be repudiated, and I propose to make the business of doing it one of my principal efforts in this campaign."

Shaw Gets Support of Municipal League

Through its executive committee, the Municipal League yesterday announced its support of Supervisor Frank L. Shaw for mayor and denounced Mayor John C. Porter as 'hostile to the continued public ownership and operation of the city's electric power plants."

The mayor was also severely criticized for asserted weakness in handling the problem of commercialized vice and accused of being "incapable, through his resort to snooping methods" of creating the spirit among city employees which makes for efficient and economical public service.

He was charged with being insensible to the dangers that lurk in attempted suppression of free speech and free assembly, and lacking in any constructive leadership.

The Mayor's refusal to greet President Roosevelt during the recent campaign is cited as an example of "his inherent unfitness to represent the true sentiments of the citizens of Los Angeles."

Bell High School Bookkeepers Win

Bell High School won first place and Hamilton High second and third places in the annual bookkeeping competition of city high schools yesterday at Polytechnic High. The contest was a preliminary in an All-Southern California competition for bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting students.

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Man Can Now Use Strange Inner Power

Says Noted Psychologist

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Four Jailed Here Linked to Bank Holdups in Texas

Four men under arrest here on charges of robbery were linked yesterday with three Texas bank robberies that netted $28,000, dispatches from Fort Worth, Tex., revealed.

At the same time, Texas Rangers declared that part of the loot from robberies in Glendale and Long Beach, laid to the quartet, had been found on a ranch.

The men, arrested Wednesday, are W. T. Stewart, Ed Shaedel, Raymond Gregg and Jack Cecil. They will probably be prosecuted here.

Need money? Borrow from the dependable financial concerns advertising in the "Money to Loan" columns in Examiner Want Ads.

23 SHEEP KILLED BY 'OWL' TRAIN

MODESTO, May 13.—(AP)—Twenty-three sheep owned by Culan Masterina of Modesto were killed and many others injured when struck in the southern yard limits today by the Southern Pacific flyer "Owl."

BRYDOLF NAMED OPTIMISTS' HEAD

Vernon M. Brydolf, Pasadena attorney, yesterday was elected district governor at the final session of the fourteenth district convention of Optimist International. He appointed Irving McCullough of San Francisco, as lieutenant governor.

San Francisco was chosen as next year's convention city.

The 500 delegates were taken on a trip through Universal Studio and later had luncheon at the Club Airport Gardens. Last night the governor's ball, honoring Fred Pfeifer, retiring chief executive, was held in the Roosevelt Hotel.

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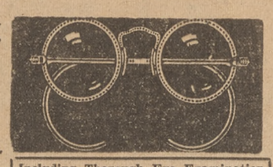

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WATER STARTS FLOWING IN GREAT AQUEDUCT

Completion of First Link in Vast System Acclaimed by Southland Officials

BY JOHN CORNELL
Times Staff Representative

PARKER DAM, Jan. 7.—A horizontal Niagara sprang into existence on a surprised desert here today as white waters from the Colorado River were cascaded toward thirsty Southland cities 300 miles away.

Behind the seeming magic was the giant intake system by which water from the lake behind Parker Dam was finally pumped up 291 feet and westward into a mile-and-a-half tunnel opening into Gene Basin reservoir—into the first section of the Metropolitan Aqueduct.

After 15 years of dreams and construction, water was actually on its way to the 13 cities in the Metropolitan Water District. Before year's end water from the turbulent but tamed Colorado will be available for use in Los Angeles, Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, Fullerton, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Marino, Santa Ana, Santa Monica and Torrance.

OFFICIALS CHEER

Significance of the event was not lost on the crowd of more than 300 officials and civic leaders who trekked here by train, bus and automobile.

Most shouted with enthusiasm when the first surge of water flowed into the brownish natural reservoir past the gayly decorated grandstand where ceremonies were held.

Others remained thoughtfully silent reviewing in their minds the long years of battles—legal, legislative and engineering—which prefaced today's actual start of the life-giving waters from the faraway source.

HISTORY RELATED

Before the district's chief electrical engineer, James E. Gaylord, threw the master switch at the intake pumping plant to force water from the lake up into pipes and the tunnel, they heard references to some of this history from men who were in the battles when the going was toughest.

"This is the day when dreams come true," was the keynote sounded by William P. Whitsett, chairman of the district's board of directors, speaking over a nation-wide radio hook-up.

"As we approach the moment of this great triumph, our thoughts turn to those whose leadership and devotion have made possible the building of this—the greatest aqueduct in the world."

LAUDS LAWMAKERS

Whitsett paid tribute to Senator Hiram Johnson and Representative Phil D. Swing, coauthors of the Boulder Canyon Project Act which made possible Hoover Dam, Parker Dam and the Colorado River projects which have been connected with them — including the 392-mile aqueduct system which tasted water for the first time today.

Senator Johnson himself then spoke from Washington, reviewing legislative problems overcome by the project and praising men who fought for it in council chambers and on construction lines.

MATHEWS EXTOLLED

He made special reference to the work of W. B. Mathews, who before his death in 1931 was principal creator of the Metropolitan Water District Act adopted in 1927 by the State authorizing the organization activities in behalf of the $200,000,000 project.

Then, as the pitch of excitement became greater, Frank E. Weymouth, general manager and chief engineer of the water district, added a few comments and by direct line to the intake plant beside Parker Lake on the other side of the mountain announced.

"Mr. Gaylord—you may start the pumps as soon as you are ready."

PUMPS STARTED

A ripple of expectancy flurried over the waiting spectators, those at the very mouth of the flag-bedecked tunnel known technically as Colorado Tunnel and others who chose to witness the history making event from a rocky observation point farther away.

As one of the intake pumps capable of lifting 90,000 gallons a minute whirred into action and murmuring sound of the rising water became audible, there were several minutes of awed suspense.

Then into bright sunlight which broke through clouds at the auspicious moment, the water churned forth. The cheering of the crowd arose spontaneously as the white water spewed into the rocky chasm leading into the basin. The Caltech band broke into the "Star Spangled Banner" and far atop the red-brown cliff a flag was unfurled.

STAND AT ATTENTION

Men bared their heads and arose to attention, moved as much by the stirring achievement just witnessed as by patriotism and love of country. With the last notes of the National Anthem, however, the tension broke.

Kids scooted to the water's edge to scoop the first mouthfuls of the long-sought Colorado River water. Oldsters, men high in their communities and professions, grinned and slapped one another on the back. Several of them passed tin cans around for a first drink of the precious fluid, too.

And then came the scramble back to Division 1 construction camp, headquarters for the celebration. It had to be a scramble, for within a short time some of the temporary roads were already under water as Gene Basin began turning, literally, into Gene Basin reservoir.

INSPECT PLANT

Before and after the dedication ceremony, the distinguished guests had a chance to inspect Parker Dam and the intake plant two miles up the lake. They learned that the motors using Hoover Dam power via a 237-mile transmission line constitute the largest pumping system in the world.

Three motors are installed already in the building, which is as large as a nine-story structure, despite the fact that much of it is under the lake's level. Eventually there will be nine such motors and pumps.

The tunnel which carried water today is but one of 38 along the aqueduct. Their total length is 108 miles. There are other reservoirs also and four other pumping plants which raise the water a total of more than 1600 feet before it reaches the coastal plain.

DEEPEST IN WORLD

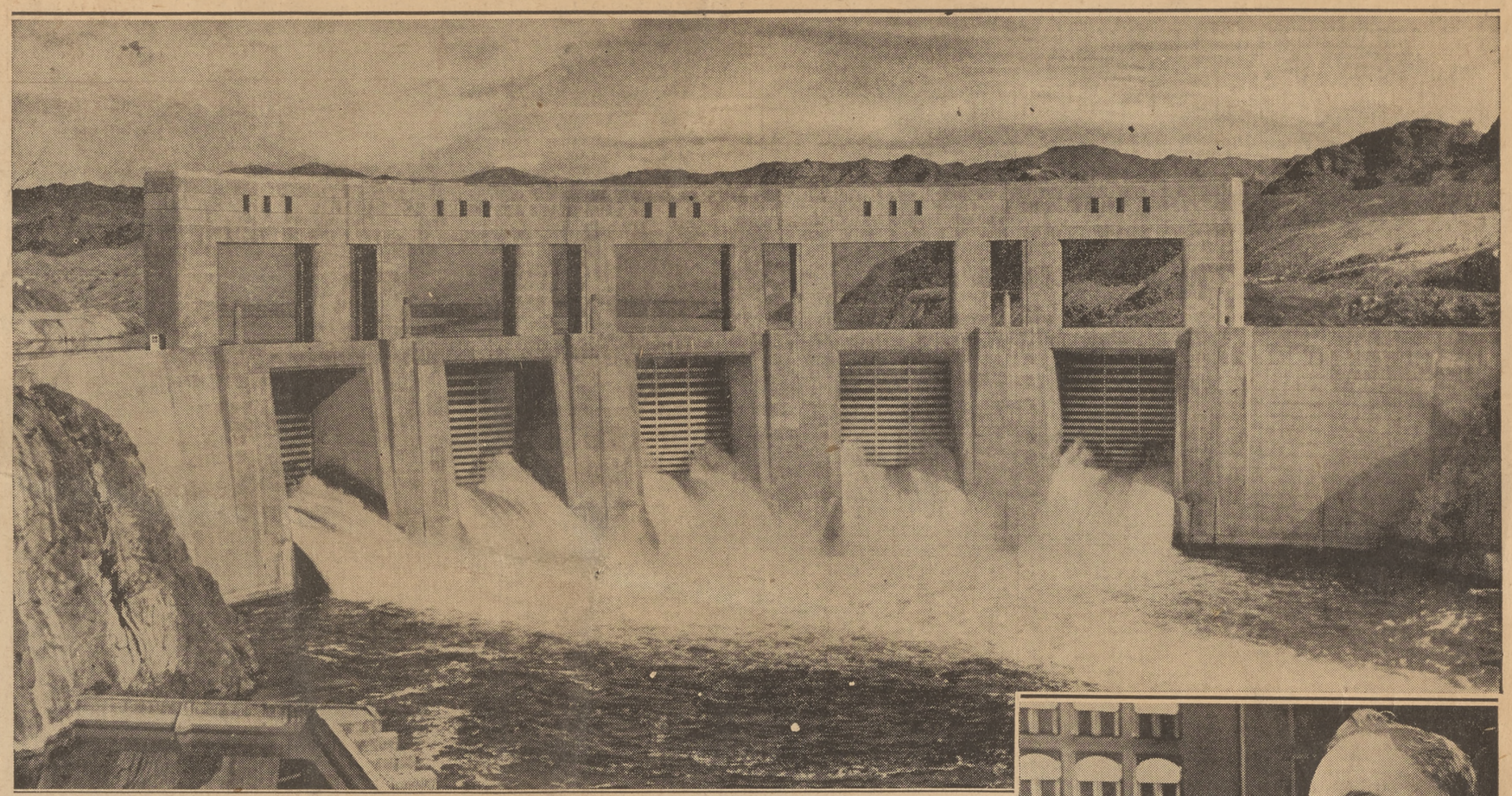
Parker Dam, deepest in the world, and the bulwark which arrests the water for aqueduct use, put on a show for the visitors. For one of the few times since it has been in full use it presented the spectacular view offered by all five gates releasing waterfalls downstream at the same time.

But immediately behind the dam the water was serene as was the general feeling over the whole district, despite the excitement generated by the intake show itself. Forgotten were the legislative and legal tiffs over the construction of the dam.

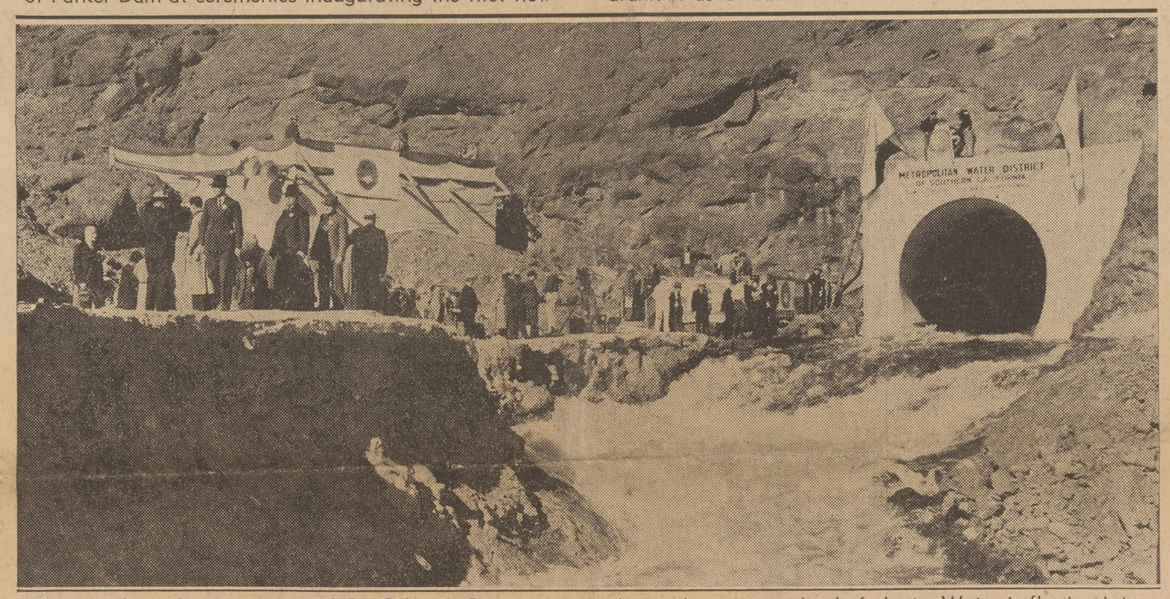
Where the "Nellie Jo," the "Julia B."—the ferryboat Arizona "Fleet"—once patrolled during the siege of Parker Dam site, all was peaceful. Where the two States once argued over right to catfish trapped in the dam's diversion tunnels, representatives of Arizona cities joined with Southland leaders in the intake premiere.

Today was an occasion for sincere recognition of a massive job near final completion. By autumn when the water has inched its way over the arid desert and through man-made tunnels to its destination, a final toast will be drunk to the achievement. A toast of Colorado River water.

TORRENTS OF COLORADO CASCADE TOWARD THIRSTY SOUTHLAND



Hundreds of officials and civic leaders cheered yesterday as a horizontal Niagara gushed from the five gates of Parker Dam at ceremonies inaugurating the first flow of Colorado River water to the Southland. Many persons scooped up handfuls of the Colorado water and drank it as a toast to the historic occasion.



Bursting from the west portal of the Colorado River tunnel, a life-giving stream of water rushes forth to convert thirsty desert into a land of plenty. Water is flowing into a reservoir whence it will be released as it is needed.
Times photo

James M. Gaylord, chief electrical engineer of the Metropolitan Water District, throws switch on intake pump.
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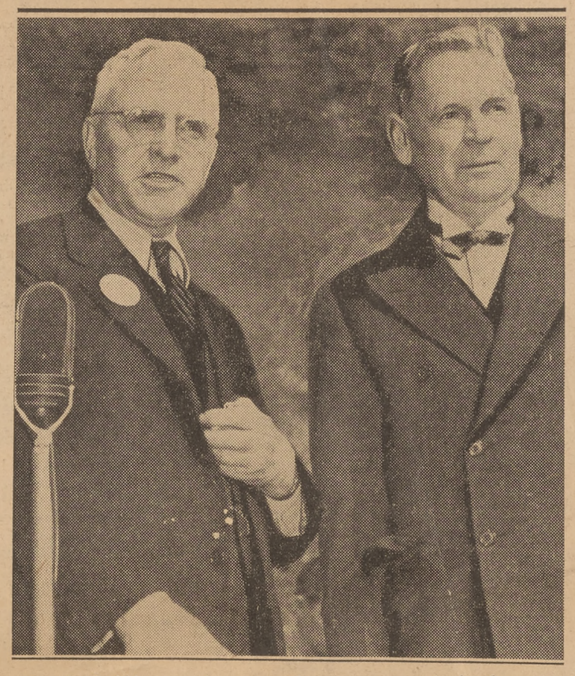

Frank E. Weymouth, general manager and chief engineer, and William P. Whitsett, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District's board of directors, took part in the ceremonies as first water was started on its way.
Times photo

UNIONIST BURNS TO DEATH IN PALM SPRINGS HOUSE

Government agents and Palm Springs police last night were investigating the death in Palm Springs yesterday of Anthony M. Bellue, secretary of the Culinary Employees Union.

Bellue, who, according to police, was engaged in an attempt to unionize all hotel and restaurant workers in the desert resort, was burned to death in a small frame residence on the Indian Reservation near Palm Springs.

H. H. Quackenbush, Indian agent on the reservation, said last night that the fact that only the inside of the inflammable pine building burned and that Bellue had only been in the building a short time indicated sabotage.

The Coroner's office at Riverside said that death was caused by suffocation but that further investigation will be made.

According to first reports, the fire was believed to have been caused by an overheated stove, apparently trapping the victim in his room while he was sleeping.

Screams were heard from the building by Edward Violkouski, who lives in a cottage across the street.

Quackenbush said that the man had returned to the house shortly before the fire broke out and that firemen extinguished the flame, leaving the walls of the frail building standing.

Bellue's wife resides in Los Angeles.

New Ship in Nazi Fleet

WILHELMSHAVEN (Germany) Jan. 7. (AP)—The 26,000-ton Scharnhorst, first battleship to be commisisoned in the new German fleet, was placed in service today.

Woman Killed Crossing Street

Motorist Escapes Death When Train Demolishes His Car

YESTERDAY'S TOLL

DEAD

Mrs. Ida Weiner, 69, of 1012 Dundas St.

INJURED

Walter Cooper, 23, of 1231 E. 87th St.

Struck by an automobile as she attempted to cross the street in the 2800 block of Wabash Ave. yesterday, Mrs. Ida Weiner, 69, of 1012 Dundas St. was killed instantly. Lewis Shiner of 1641 Helen Drive, operator of the car, was exonerated by police.

Crashing into a Southern Pacific Railroad switch engine at 51st St. and Alameda Ave., Walter Cooper, 23, of 1231 E. 87th St., escaped with a broken leg after his machine was demolished, according to police reports.

The victim was treated at Georgia Street Receiving Hospital and later transferred to General Hospital.

SAN JUAN DOCK PLANS APPROVED

SAN JUAN (P.R.) Jan. 7. (Exclusive)—Plans for a new graving dock in San Juan Harbor costing $1,750,000 have been approved by the Puerto Rican authorities and forwarded to Washington for February bidding. The graving dock will be large enough to accommodate any ship in the South American trade.

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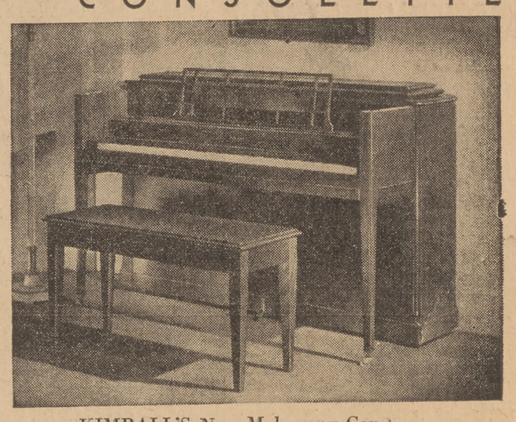

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U.S. CHAMBER ASSAILS PRESIDENT'S SPENDING

Program Called Challenge to Congress and Opposed to American Public Wishes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce said tonight that President Roosevelt's budget, forecasting another $3,000,000,000 deficit, is "a direct challenge to Congress, representing the people of the country who must pay the bills."

In its review of business, the Chamber listed the deficits from 1931 on and commented that the figures are "the more disquieting because of the underlying implications."

OPPOSITION NOTED

Interest and other charges on the public debt next year, it said, will total $1,500,000,000. It added:

"A popular poll of American sentiment shows that Americans far and wide are overwhelmingly against excessive public spending and recurring public deficits.

"Congress never had a more important task."

Meantime, Representative Rich (R.) Pa., said he understands the administration is going to ask this session of Congress to raise the limit on the public debt to $80,000,000,000.

OFFERS WAGER

"That's inside dope," he told reporters. "I'll bet a hundred dollars to a dinner on it."

The Pennsylvanian, who makes a ritual of hauling out the Treasury's statement daily and lecturing the House on the public debt and government spending, wouldn't say, however, where a Republican could get his "inside dope."

DOUBTFUL ON FIGURES

Most administration supporters said they had not even thought of what the new limit ought to be, although some said they took it for granted that the present $45,000,000,000 figure would be raised. But they said it was a matter that could wait—perhaps even until the next Congressional session.

President Roosevelt estimated in his budget message that the gross public debt would be $44,458,000,000 by June 30, 1940. The present limit of $45,000,000,000 was fixed by Congress in 1917 and could be raised by Congressional action to permit the Treasury to borrow beyond that figure.

OPPOSITION EXPECTED

Some Congressional advocates of a balanced budget predicted there would be strong opposition to any proposal to increase the limit.

One of these was Senator Byrd (D.) Va., who said he expected the question to be an important issue in debate on appropriations. Senator Glass (D.) Va., wryly predicted that it made little difference because "it is going to be exceeded anyway."

With both chambers in recess over the week-end, Senators and Representatives devoted most of today to private discussions of the legislative program ahead.

RELIEF DISCUSSED

Talk of reducing President Roosevelt's requested $875,000,000 relief appropriation continued in the House, and a group of Senators renewed their efforts to draft some new formula for the distribution of relief funds.

The Senators — members of the special unemployment committee—were seeking to devise a method of distribution which would give the Relief Administration little discretion in allotting relief funds.

VIEWS PRESENTED

One member of the committee said privately he thought it ultimately would be necessary to set up some system of doles, coupled with a public works program.

A House appropriations subcommittee will renew its study of Mr. Roosevelt's relief recommendation at a meeting Monday.

PREFERS COUNSEL

Prof. Felix Frankfurter, nominee to Supreme Court Justiceship. Wide World photo

Frankfurter Cool to Inquiry

Supreme Tribunal Nominee Asks Excuse From Senate Hearings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP) — Prof. Felix Frankfurter tonight told the Senate subcommittee investigating his qualifications to sit on the Supreme Court that he would prefer not to testify personally unless developments necessitate it.

The committee voted today to hold a public hearing Tuesday on Frankfurter's nomination to the court and wired him suggesting that he attend, or be represented by counsel.

STICKS TO CLASSES

Chairman Neely said Frankfurter telephoned him that he would prefer to be represented by counsel unless the committee later desired his attendance or unless there are developments in the hearing which make it necessary.

Neely said Frankfurter explained "that all his life he has been rather consistent in sticking to his class work at Harvard and that he has there even now a task which he does not want to desert even for a day unless the committee specifically wished him to do so."

ACTION EXPECTED

Neely said Frankfurter did not tell him when he expects to come to Washington, if and when his nomination is confirmed.

The Senator said he hopes the subcommittee will be able to put the nomination through to the Senate for action next week. He added that the invitation the committee sent Frankfurter in no sense made it incumbent on the Harvard professor to attend the hearing.

HEARINGS REQUESTED

The committee received a half-dozen requests that it hold hearings.

Before Frankfurter telephoned Neely, several committee members had expressed privately the hope that he would come because they wish to ascertain his views toward President Roosevelt's Court Reorganization Bill.

Nation Makes Health Gains

Record Best Ever, Surgeon General Reports to Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, declared today that the American people are healthier than ever before.

Reporting this to Congress, he added that there still is much room for improvement, and suggested: An enlarged program of investigation of drugs in the treatment of disease, an annual appropriation of $25,000,000 for venereal disease control, and establishment of a special institute for research on mental and nervous diseases.

DEATH RATE DROPS

During 1938, he said, the general death rate, the maternal and child death rates, and deaths from typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis, malaria, pellagra and kidney disease continued the steady decline which began several years ago. From 11.3 per 1000 population in 1937, the general death rate dropped to 10.9.

The leading causes of death and sickness were diseases of the heart and brain, cancer and malignant tumors, pneumonia and tuberculosis. Dr. Parran said the death rates from these causes can be materially reduced by better education, quicker treatment, and more widespread provision of facilities for treatment.

PRESS CAMPAIGN

Many apparent deaths from these diseases, he added, are due to syphilis and gonorrhea in disguise, and will be reduced in number during the next few years as a result of the vigorous campaign against venereal disease which the Public Health Service is conducting.

Facilities for the treatment of one of America's greatest health problems, narcotic addiction, were increased during 1938 by the completion of a new Federal narcotic farm at Ft. Worth, Tex.

MORE RESEARCH

The service's studies of mental health were continued, Dr. Parran reported, and a survey was begun to determine the factors which produce mental disorders in the average American community.

Fundamental research on medical problems, he said, produced, among other discoveries, an effective treatment with vitamins for the skin disease, psoriasis, and a method of removing flouorine, which discolors teeth when present in drinking water.

CANCER INSTITUTE

Most important of all the health service's advances, however, was the establishment of the national cancer institute with a $750,000 appropriation from Congress, Dr. Parran said. The funds are being spent in building a special research laboratory, training physicians and technicians, purchasing radium for cancer treatment, and in research.

One of the greatest problems ahead, the Surgeon General said, is ensuring adequate medical care for approximately 40,000,000 people, "the lower economic third of our population." A national health program which would eventually call for the expenditure of $825,000,000 annually from Federal and State funds for medical services already has been suggested.

MINT INVADERS GET PROBATION

Two Boys' Three-Year Terms Suspended

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7. (AP) Two 15-year-old boys who recently entered the heavily barred mint here were given three-year terms today but Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure immediately placed them on probation.

William Gallagher was given into custody of his grandfather, Fred Wolters, who indicated the youth will be placed in a private school in Santa Clara County.

Paul J. Francis will be sent to a Dominican school at Ukiah.

The youths were charged with juvenile delinquency under a new Federal law enacted by the last Congress.

GOVERNOR'S AIDE RIFLE VICTIM

Woman Found Shot; is in Critical Condition

TOPEKA, Jan. 7. (AP)—Miss Rena Stinson, 27, personal secretary to Governor Walter A. Huxman, was found shot in her apartment today and was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Paul Dittemore, assistant in the Governor's office, said Miss Stinson was found lying on the floor in a semi-conscious condition. A .22-caliber single-shot rifle was beside her.

Dittemore said Miss Stinson was able to mumble what had happened. She had been cleaning the gun when packing and preparing to move back to her home at Wellington Monday. She told Dittemore the gun was accidentally discharged. A bullet entered her left breast, Dittemore said.

Squirrel Snack Costly

ALTOONA (Pa.) Jan. 7. (AP)—The midnight snack Thomas Isenberg's pet squirrel enjoyed caused $2200 damage. Isenberg said the squirrel chewed some matches in a coat, setting fire to the dining room.

Job-Hunting Course in Schools Urged

SEATTLE, Jan. 7. (AP)—E. W. Jacobsen, superintendent of Oakland (Cal.) schools, today urged establishment of courses in job-hunting in all high schools, during regional conference of educators on how to help youth find employment.

But first, he said, the instructors must know how to find jobs. He warned the specialists on occupational problems that were they to lose their own positions, they would have "a slim chance" of finding employment in other fields.

City Worker Weds

PHOENIX (Ariz.) Jan. 7. (AP) Louise M. Owens, 37, a Los Angeles city employee, and G. E. Andrews, 53, retired Grangeville (Ida.) lumberman, were married today at the Sky Harbor Airport marriage chapel, after an airplane flight from Los Angeles.

Phoenix Reliefers Given Ski Suits

PHOENIX (Ariz.) Jan. 7. (AP)—Officials of the Maricopa County Relief Administration were faced with an unprecedented problem today.

Among the articles of wearing apparel sent here by the Surplus Commodities Corp. for distribution to needy was a quantity—of all things—ski suits.

This section of Arizona has seen snow twice during the past 20 years.

Lutherans to Meet in Louisville Today

LOUISVILLE (Ky.) Jan. 7.—Discussing "The Christian College-Bulwark of American Democracy," delegates from nearly 50 Lutheran colleges, universities and seminaries from all over the nation will converge here tomorrow for a three-day session.

Noted Geologist Dies

AURORA (Ill.) Jan. 7. (AP)—Dr. Hugo Von Hagen, 73, nationally known geologist of New York city, died suddenly today in St. Joseph Hospital of a heart attack.

Airliner Crash Kills Two, Hurts 10

SENLIS (France) Jan. 7. (AP) Two persons were killed and 10 injured tonight when a Swiss airliner en route from Zurich, Switzerland, to Paris crashed 36 miles north of Paris. There were 14 passengers and a crew of three aboard.

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Figured Broadloom, 12x21.9 ft.	157.50	112.50
Deluxe Broadloom, 12x18 ft.	131.00	98.00
Figured Super Broadloom, 12x22 ft.	115.00	84.95
Figured Broadloom, 12x18 ft.	87.50	64.95
Deluxe Fringed Broadloom, 9x20.9	139.50	94.95
Super Pebble Broadloom, 9x18 ft.	107.50	79.95
Figured Frieze Broadloom, 9x19 ft.	95.00	69.95
Figured Pebble Broadloom, 9x15	97.50	79.95
Plush Weave Broadloom, 9x18 ft.	72.00	47.50
Deluxe Figured Broadloom, 9x15 ft.	90.25	64.95
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HONOR "FATHER OF VAN NUYS"—At surprise birthday luncheon hosted by Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce board of directors, William Paul Whitsett was honored on Dec. 27 on attaining his 80th year. Associates and friends joined in saluting the man who founded Van Nuys on Feb. 22, 1911, and has seen his handiwork grow to city of over 100,000 population. Among principals at luncheon, seated from left are the Rev. R. Lee Pryor, Councilman Robert Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett, Chamber President and Mrs. W. O. Lindstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mendenhall. Standing from left are Clarence Funk, Roy Milner, A. L. Gram, Harry C. Sorgenfrey, Robert Diemer, Lee W. Miller, Albert W. McKinley, Gene Reynolds and Van McWhirter. City Council resolution and other acclaims were presented to honor guest. The News photos

Van Nuys Honors Founder W. P. Whitsett With 80th Birthday Testimonial Luncheon

William Paul Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys on Feb. 22, 1911 and leader in development of this community to a bustling "big little city" of over 100,000 population in the short following period of 46 years, today is happily pondering the "80 years young" designation given him by business associates, Chamber of Commerce officers and directors, and close friends at the Dec. 27 testimonial luncheon honoring Mr. Whitsett on his 80th birthday.

Staged as a surprise event by Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon program in The Patio cited the many noteworthy accomplishments of the honored guest in his more than four decades of public service and community building in Van Nuys, the San Fernando Valley, for Greater Los Angeles, and for Southern California as a whole.

Head of MWD Board

A Resolution of Acclaim was read from the Los Angeles City Council, saluting Mr. Whitsett for his services, and which was presented by Councilman Robert M. Wilkinson.

Among telegrams read were those from Congressman Joe Holt, Mayor Norris Paulson, Robert S. Fuller and Atty. Harold E. White, both in Washington, and Charles S. Pzinto who also was out of the city.

Top officials from Metropolitan Water District brought messages of greeting and commendation from the board of that far-flung water system which Mr. Whitsett was instrumental in launching and developing in his capacity as the first MWD board chairman, in which post he served with unbounded effort and distinction for 18 years.

Robert Diemer, general manager and chief engineer of MWD, delivered a message from Board Chairman Joseph Jensen, and added his own congratulations. A. L. Gram, executive secretary, and Albert W. McKinley, controller, both were present and spoke as did Gene Reynolds, superintendent of transportation for MWD.

In recognition of his service with MWD, the system's largest pumping plant on the Colorado River is named in honor of Mr. Whitsett, and a testimonial luncheon of dedication was held in the Biltmore Hotel, attended by Southland leaders who came from as far as San Diego and the reaches of Imperial Valley for the brilliant civic event.

Founded Financial Firms

Mr. Whitsett's leadership in establishing financial institutions in Van Nuys was traced by Chamber President W. O. Lindstrom, and by associates in these firms. His part in developing the old First National Bank in Van Nuys (now California Bank), and in founding the Bank of Van Nuys in 1922 (now Security-First National Bank) were reviewed.

These moves were followed with establishment in 1924 of Provident Building-Loan Association, and thereafter by the present San Fernando Valley Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The latter, successor to Provident in due course, continues to be headed by Mr. Whitsett as president, and now approaches $30,000,000 in assets, occupying a large new building at 6842 Van Nuys Blvd., and having made over $10,000,000 in real estate loans on Valley residences during 1955 alone.

Civic Stature Great

Referring to "Mr. Whitsett's innumerable contributions to civic and social betterment within the Valley—too many to recount at any one meeting," Lindstrom pointed up several principal interests.

As honorary president of San Fernando Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Whitsett spearheaded establishment of the council's High Sierra camp, put much of time, energy and personal subscription into its development including enlisting of engineering and business men in providing materials and labor for housing, attendant buildings, and creation of a lake for boating and water sports.

TRADITIONAL CAKE is presented at birthday testimonial luncheon honoring W. P. Whitsett, Van Nuys founder, who receives and first slices this emblematic offering by Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Whitsett joins her husband as he expresses thanks to associates and friends assembled for the occasion.

In this project he was joined actively by Mrs. Whitsett, and the result today is the council's Camp Whitsett in honor of the honorary president, with its Lake Ida named after Mrs. Whitsett.

Hospital's Top Boost

In the height of subscription campaign to insure building of Valley Presbyterian Hospital on its Vanowen St. site, Mr. Whitsett assigned property on Van Nuys Blvd. at Valerio St. running into a heavy five-figure value with proceeds when forthcoming, to go into the hospital's building fund.

This topmost subscription both in its own right and as a pace-setter very largely gave the campaign the impetus needed to sweep it on to success, and the hospital is due to break ground about June 1.

Community Chest, Bethlehem Star Parade and other proved and worthy humane, civic and religious causes always find Mr. Whitsett to the fore as a leading subscriber in amounts and in personal support, Lindstrom also emphasized.

In addition to his Chamber of Commerce Century Club and Bethlehem Star Parade Association memberships other local affiliations of Mr. Whitsett include Van Nuys Masonic Lodge, and Legion of Honor member of Van Nuys Kiwanis Club.

An Exemplary Tribute

Attending the luncheon from Valley Federal were long-time associates and friends of Mr. Whitsett—Lee W. Miller, senior vice president; Harry C. Sorgenfrey, vice president and secretary; Roy Milner, loan officer, and Clarence Funk, manager of Mr. Whitsett's office.

Likewise present and conveying salutations to "this young man of 80 years" were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mendenhall who have been friends of the Whitsett family for over 35 years.

Mendenhall, editor and co-publisher of The News, served on the Bank of Van Nuys board of directors, became first secretary of Provident Building-Loan, and has been otherwise associated with Mr. Whitsett in business and civic matters for over three decades.

Messrs. Whitsett and Mendenhall shared joint honors as "Valley Men of the Year" at the Golden Jubilee banquet sponsored on Oct. 22, 1953 by Van Nuys Knights of Columbus Council No. 3148, when over 400 men attended the celebration.

One of the most exemplary tributes of the day was expressed by Mrs. Whitsett, who voiced appreciation for the many commendatory remarks directed toward Mr. Whitsett's business and civic attainment, but added that "in our home—as a husband, and as a father and grandfather, he also is most exemplary with his love, his comfort, his counsel and his understanding."

Strode by Year-Post

Van McWhirter, past president of the chamber and a resident of Van Nuys since 1918, also conveyed his congratulations to the honor guest and recalled that he had played football and run track with the Whitsett sons—Paul and Frank—at Van Nuys High School.

A feature of the luncheon was a huge birthday cake presented by the Chamber of Commerce and which was cut by Mr. Whitsett with his wife assisting, thereafter being served to the assembled group.

Thus did a Valley "intersection" grown to a city salute its founder as he strode by his 80th year-post still busy with plans for the future, urging for more of everything to make a large and busy Van Nuys and San Fernando Valley grow constantly larger and busier.

Pastor Will Review Plan for New Year

Members of the Church of Modern Christianity will observe a special membership Sunday, Jan. 8.

As a tribute to the loyalty, support and growth which members have given the church, Dr. Fletcher A. Harding, minister, will speak on the subject, "Pioneering For Freedom." He will review in his sermon the accomplishments of the church during the last two years and bring before its members plans and requirements for 1956. Services are held at 11 a.m. in the Encino Theater, 16342 Ventura Blvd.

Dr. Harding states that members of this church are pioneers in the truest sense of the word. "They are exploring a new frontier of religious thought and practice. This approach to the application of Christian principles is not a denial of the past—it is an outgrowth of it. A bold step has been made in minimizing theological doctrine and credulity in order to integrate the teachings of Jesus to the needs of our time," he said.

"Such exploration is pointing out that in true Christianity there is true democracy—in true Christianity there are healthier emotions and greater peace of mind, there are answers to many of the psychosomatic problems that are so prevalent today. In true Christianity, there is a pattern for successful and balanced living," he continued.

In this Sunday's discussion, Dr. Harding will show that these pioneers are not only claiming a new land for themselves, they are blazing trails for religious emancipation for others who will follow.

UNITY CLASSES TO OPEN THIS WEEK

Winter term of Unity study classes of Unity Church of Van Nuys taught by Dr. Rose Schneider will open this week.

"Lessons in Truth" will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Thursday at 1 p.m.; classes in "Prosperity" will be Thursday at 11 a.m. and lessons in "Christian Healing" taught Wednesday at 8 p.m. in connection with the midweek prayer services.

Director of Missions Speaks at Christ the King Lutheran

The Christ The King Lutheran Church, 17400 Vanowen St., will have a special guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. He is the Rev. Theodore E. Matson, D.D. of Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Matson is executive director of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, having just recently assumed the responsibilities of that office, left vacant by the sudden death last year of Dr. S. E. Engstrom.

Dr. Matson is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Augustana College and Seminary of Rock Island, Ill. He has served churches in Michigan and Chicago and has also been director of American Missions for the Illinois, Iowa and Michigan areas.

Before entering his new office, he was also vice-president of the Illinois conference and chairman of the committee of Urban Church Planning, in which capacity he has become a widely known and accepted authority.

Dr. Matson is presently making a tour of California and Arizona.

Officers of Church Will Be Installed

"God's Army" will be the sermon subject Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for the Rev. Melvin H. Harter at the Woodland Hills Community Church. This will be a service of installation for new church officers.

Those to be installed are Mrs. Otto Gieske, church clerk; Mrs. Lee Palmer, financial secretary; Mrs. Zania Dollarhide, church treasurer; O. A. Topham, sanctuary fund treasurer; Roy Horine, auditor; Mrs. Asa Hall, historian; Warren Griffin, Church School superintendent.

New members of the board of deacons are Dr. Marvin McNeil, Glen Corbin, Melvin Linebaught, and Dr. Richard Kratz. Board of deaconess, the Mmes. Melvin Linebaugh, Don Lee and Lloyd Schneider. Board of trustees, Charles Branson, Fritz Sandberg, Mrs. Adda Mothmiller, Stuart Giles. Board of Christian Education, Tom Traml, Laurel Pease, Mrs. James Montgomery. Social action committee, Leonard Plank, Richard Sauble, Mrs. Ray McAlister and Mrs. Clem Matzem. Music committee, Mmes. Gerald Beyer, Clyde Henderson, and Nick Buzolich.

Installation of officers will be held with a potluck supper for members and wives on Thursday at 6 p.m. for the Men's Fellowship.

The Women's Fellowship will have their installation of new officers tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Attend Peace Convocation

Three Van Nuys students attended the four-day regional peace convocation of Methodist Youth Dec. 29 to Jan. 1 at the College of the Pacific at Stockton.

They were Marilyn Markham, Judy Davidson and Duane Brunsdon.

Six hundred Methodist students of high school and college age from all parts of the western states attended the meeting.

Purpose of the convention was to confront Christian youth with the essentials of their faith for the building of peace. Theme for the session was "In His Will Is Our Peace."

Dr. Henry H. Crane, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich., was the chief speaker. He is regarded as one of the nation's foremost leaders in peace education and is a popular leader of youth groups.

DR. JEROME DAVIS LECTURES HERE ON 'CRISIS IN ASIA'

Dr. Jerome Davis, educator, foreign correspondent and author, will speak Sunday at 8 p.m. on "Crisis in Asia" at the Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 14933 Victory Blvd.

Dr. Davis, arriving from Japan Jan. 4 after a three-year lecture tour in the Orient, is the author of 18 books among which are "Character Assassination, Peace, War and You" and his forthcoming book "Religion in Action."

Dr. Davis has taught at the Universities of Wisconsin, Harvard, Dartmouth, Boston and for 13 years held the Stark Chair of Practical Philanthropy at Yale. He is a past president of the American Federation of Teachers, a post which he held for three years.

As a foreign correspondent Dr. Davis has covered assignments in both Europe and Asia, reporting and interpreting current events and interviewing many of the world's outstanding leaders and personalities. Among the most notable of which was Mahatma Gandhi whom he interviewed a short period before his death.

Reseda Methodist Opens Membership; Orientation Closes

Membership and orientation classes will begin Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Reseda Community Methodist Church, 18120 Saticoy St., in the Fireside Room of the church, announces the pastors, Edmund R. Warne and D. Russell Hetsler.

All those desiring to unite with the church are invited to attend these classes which will meet each Sunday and continue through Jan. 29, with reception into membership on Sunday, Feb. 5.

The Brunch Club, composed of mothers and teachers of preschool children will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Fireside Room for doughnuts and coffee. Child care will be provided, announced the president Mrs. Richard Cunha.

All commissions of the church will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church Observes Christmas Jan. 6-7

Father Sergei Glagolev announced today that preparations have been completed for the faithful to celebrate Christmas tomorrow and Saturday.

In 1582 Pope Gregory VIII ordered the use of the revised calendar of Lilue. Because of the separation of the Western Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Catholic Churches in 1054, the Eastern Church held onto the old Julian Calendar. At the present there are 13 days difference between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars, thus making the Julian Calendar, Dec. 25 fall on the Gregorian Calendar Jan. 7.

Missionary Parish

Although most Eastern Orthodox Catholics in America have now accepted the Gregorian Calendar, many of the Slavonic churches up to the present day have refused to do so.

The St. Innocent Eastern Orthodox Church is a missionary parish under the jurisdiction of the Autonomous Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America. This jurisdiction was established in America some 161 years ago. Eastern Orthodox Churches have heretofore been divided into National branches, for example, Greek, Syrian, Serbian, Russian, Estonian, etc.

The Saint Innocent parish of Encino is the first attempt to establish an American church to serve Armenians in American culture. All services are celebrated in English.

Service In English

Father Sergei and his staff have prepared for the first time the complete Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services in English from the ancient service books of the Greek and Slavonic churches. John Evans, the parish choirmaster, has prepared traditional Slavonic carols to be sung for the first time in English.

It was hoped that the Church edifice of Saint Innocent would be completed for Christmas. Now the schedule for completion has been delayed for several months because of the sand and gravel strike.

Christmas Eve services therefore, will be celebrated tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Newcastle Ave. and Ventura Blvd., in Encino.

The faithful will participate in Holy Supper scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Holy Supper is a traditional Lenten meal to be eaten after the appearance of the first star in heaven. The faithful fast all day and the Holy Supper consists of 12 lenten dishes prepared without dairy products.

Assist Pastor

Father James C. Meena of the Syrian Orthodox Community and Father Johannes Reinhold of the Estonian Orthodox Community will co-celebrate with Father Sergei Glagolev to make manifest the intended ecumenical spirit of the Saint Innocent Parish.

Christmas Day services on Saturday will be celebrated at the Costello Chapel on Reseda Blvd. in Reseda, the regular meeting place for prayer for the Saint Innocent Parish. All Orthodox faithful are invited to participate in the most holy and ancient feast of Our Blessed Saviour.

Committees to Be Named

First meeting of the new year for Presbytery of Los Angeles will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Garvalia Presbyterian Church, 7732 Emerson Place, South San Gabriel, with delegates, both ministers and laymen, representing 164 churches in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties.

Presiding officer will be Moderator C. Virgil Zirbel, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Hawthorne, and chief expediter of the business will be Dr. O. Scott McFarland, stated clerk of the presbytery, and pastor of First Church, Santa Ana.

Official host to the midwinter session will be the Rev. Leonard T. Boyd, South San Gabriel pastor. More than 500 are expected at the all-day meeting, which will start at 10 a.m., with adjournment at approximately 9 p.m. The delegates will come as representatives of more than 100,000 members of Southland Presbyterian congregations.

Work of the presbytery is carried on throughout the year by more than 30 standing committees, composed of some 250 members, about equally divided between ministers and laymen.

The entire evening session, starting at 7:30 o'clock, will be given over to the report of the committee on care and oversight of ministerial candidates, when young men and women planning on full-time church careers will be introduced to the presbytery.

TRINITY LUTHERAN TO DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

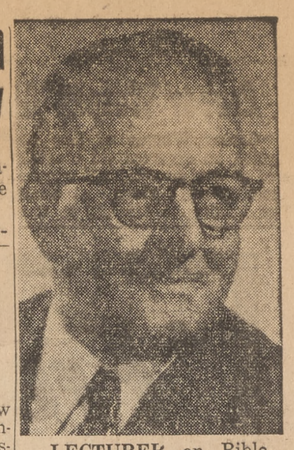
In a special service Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church of Reseda will dedicate its new school building located on the church property at 18425 Kittridge St.

The Rev. Henry E. Elfman, pastor of the church, will officiate at the dedication rite. The Rev. T. H. Joeckel of South Gate will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

The building, measuring 25 by 100 feet, provides two modern classrooms plus rest room facilities. Leonard Steinbrueck and Arthur Tough are the architects. Robert Worth is the contractor.

Trinity Lutheran School opened one classroom last September with an enrollment of 34 children in the first four grades. Ted Sylwester is the teacher. According to present plans the second classroom will be opened the next school year.

Eventually the school will be expanded to provide elementary and junior high school education.



LECTUREK on Bible, Normal Olson, member of board of Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles, will present series on Bible at Granada Hills Baptist Church.

Church Plans Bible Series

Granada Hills Baptist church, 10949 Zelzah Ave., will be host to Norman Olson, a layman member of the official board of Trinity Methodist church in Los Angeles, for a series covering the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. Olson will explain on Sunday at 7 p.m. the Bible from "Creation to the Flood."

Olson's slogan is "Convincing enough for a skeptic, profound enough for a scholar and simple enough for a child." During his 14 years of teaching the Bible, Olson has made it so interesting that he has been invited to hold Bible conferences all over the United States.

Everyone who attends will receive an outline of the Bible in its connected, continuous, chronological order. He will hear of all the major events, persons, nations, prophecies, judgements covenants, and past, present, future in their sequence and relations to each other. There will be no charges, examinations or questions.

Granada Hills Baptist church extends an invitation and welcomes everyone to this Sunday evening series of lectures and the opportunity to understand the Bible.

The above Sunday night has been designated "Youth Night," when the young people of the church will be in charge. The "Twin Tones" of Western Varieties program of Channel 5 will sing. Willie Foote, director of San Fernando Youth For Christ will speak briefly. The public is invited.

MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK SUNDAY AT CALVARY BAPTIST

All Day Missionary Sunday comes Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church of Northridge, Wilbur Ave. and Plummer St. The Rev. Louis D. Baumbach is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. John Moseley, missionaries to Palestine and various other parts of the world, will be guest speakers. At present Rev. Moseley is serving as deputy director for the Christian Bible Union in Europe and has just recently returned from Australia where he conducted a series of meetings on timely prophetic subjects.

Mrs. Moseley will speak to the children during the Sunday School opening exercises at the 9:30 a.m. session.

At the 11 o'clock worship service Rev. Moseley will bring a timely message on the prophecy of the Jews and their peculiar position in world conditions today. In the evening service, beginning at 7 p.m., the Moseley's will show a film depicting their work in the field.

At noon a potluck dinner will be held in the church parlor.

Mrs. Claire Rauthe Will Lecture on Christian Science

Mrs. Claire Rauthe of London, England, has accepted an invitation to give a public lecture Thursday at 8 p.m., on the Bible and Christian Science, according to announcement received from Twelfth Church of Christ, Scientist.

Speaking in the church edifice, 14654 Hamlin St., on the subject "Christian Science: The Revelation of Scientific Healing," she will discuss the healing method set forth in the Scriptures, and the present-day use of it in Christian Science, according to the announcement. The lecture will be open without charge.

Mrs. Rauthe is known widely to audiences in Europe and the United States as a member of the Christian Science board of lectureship. Of Swedish origin, she lived in Riga, formerly the capital of Latvia, for many years. Later she lived in Sweden, moving subsequently to London, where she has been in the public practice of Christian Science healing since the early 1920's.

Church Directory

ADVENTISTS, SEVENTH DAY

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
14615 Sherman Way, Van Nuys
Jerry M. Lien, Pastor
Warren L. Johns, Associate Pastor

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Victory Blvd. at Tyrone Ave.
Rev. L. C. Hodges, Pastor

9:45 a.m., Sunday school with classes for all ages.
10:50 a.m., Morning worship with the pastor speaking on "A Fourfold Lesson from the Soil" or "Spiritual Farming."
6:30 p.m., Christ's Ambassadors.
7:30 p.m., Evangelistic service with the pastor speaking on the subject, "This Is That!"
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Annual business meeting.

CANOGA PARK ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH
7105 Jordan Ave., Canoga Park
D. B. Ballard, Pastor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning worship. Message by the pastor, "A Personal Question".
11 a.m. Children's church.
6:30 p.m. C.A. youth service and Women's Missionary Council.
6:30 p.m. Men's prayer service.
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic service. Message by the pastor, "Out of the Spirit."

NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, ASSEMBLY OF GOD
17824 Burbank Blvd., Encino
Allen Brown, Pastor

NORTHRIDGE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
18704 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge
A. J. Burk, Pastor

BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHRIDGE
17601 Saticoy St., Northridge
Rev. Ralph G. Porterfield, Pastor

9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes for all ages.
11 a.m., Morning worship.
6:15 p.m., Youth fellowship.
7:30 p.m., Evening gospel hour.

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
9453 Wilbur St., Northridge
Rev. Louis D. Baumbach, Pastor

9:45 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m., Worship Service.
7 p.m., Evening Gospel Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CANOGA PARK
20553 Sherman Way, Canoga Park
Rev. Vernon H. Snyder, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RESEDA
Sherman Way and Yolanda Ave.
Rev. Ned H. Holmgren, Pastor

9 and 11:15 a.m. Morning worship service. Rev. Lester Thompson. Galilee Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., will preach at both services, which are identical in program. Nursery and cry-room available during all services of the day.
10 a.m. Bible School, with graded departments and classes for every age group.
11:15 a.m. Primary Church.
6:30 p.m. CYF groups and Bible Doctrine Class for adults.
7:30 p.m. Glad Gospel Service. Rev. Lester Thompson will preach.
Mon. through Fri., 7:30 p.m. Rev. Thompson will be conducting an Evangelical Bible Conference. All other meetings of the church are postponed until after Jan. 15. WMU Circles will meet one week later than usual, on Jan. 17.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
21945 Avenue San Luis, Woodland Hills

9:45 a.m. Bible School with classes for all ages nursery through adult.
11 a.m. Morning worship service. Rev. Edward J. Kriz, pastor will speak on "The Holy Spirit." A nursery is provided.
7 p.m. Evening service. Carl Beach, a college student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, will give his testimony and bring the message.

Dec. 28 an organizational meeting was held and officers were elected. The charter will remain open for 60 days.

Career Women Aid Cancer Clinic Fund

Career Women of Los Angeles, an organization comprised of local professional women, today had given a check amounting to $1841.23 to Cancer Prevention Society, sponsor of the Cancer Detection Clinic at 303 S. Loma Drive, Los Angeles.

The check represents proceeds from a bazaar held in November, and was presented by Career Women president, Elizabeth Mason-Hohl MD. The Detection Clinic is the major project of Career Women, who have held four such annual bazaars.

Arrest Pair As Suspects in Burglary

Two North Hollywood youths were held in Van Nuys jail yesterday in connection with the burglary of the Kemmer Gun Shop, 15719 Vanowen St.

They are Elbert E. Cairns, 18, of 8131 Hinds Ave., and Gerald E. Wilder, 19, of 6523 Beeman Ave.

Officers D. B. Walthius and R. H. Elmer said they caught the pair as they ran south on Gloria Ave. after a burglar alarm was sounded inside the shop. Both men denied the burglary

Two guns taken from the shop were found near a fence at 15721 Vanowen St. Tracks were found in a new cement walk at the rear of the building.

Arresting officers said the suspects' shoes were muddy and had traces of fresh cement.

Drivers Honored

Two Reseda postal truck drivers are the recipients of safe driving awards issued by the Post Office Dept.

The awards along with gold buttons were presented to Lester J. Eernisse for two years of safe driving, and to Michael J. LaFirenza for one year.

Walter Pidgeon Pays $20 Fine for Fourth Traffic Tab

Screen actor Walter Pidgeon was fined $20 in Van Nuys Municipal Court after he pleaded guilty to failing to stop for a traffic light in Sherman Oaks.

The violation occurred at Sepulveda and Ventura Blvds. Judge Julian Beck commented it was the actor's fourth moving traffic violation in one year and referred his record to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles for further investigation.

Pidgeon said he lived in Bel-Air. He received the ticket Dec. 14.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Van Nuys News—23433)
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
No. SFP2544

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. In the Matter of the Estate of BERT E. SPEAK, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of Pauline V. Gaines for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon, to the petitioner, to which reference is hereby made for further particulars, will be heard at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on January 18, 1956, at the court room of San Fernando, Department "A" of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, City of San Fernando.

Dated December 28, 1955.

HAROLD J. OSTLY, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.
By H. T. LANDE, Deputy

Clark, Trau & Langworthy
6410 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, California
Attorneys for Petitioner.
STate 5-6524
Publish Jan. 3, 5, 8, 10 & 12, 1956.

(Van Nuys News—G.S. 681)
CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
FICTITIOUS FIRM NAME

THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby certify that she is conducting a retail dress business at 16141 Sherman Way, City of Van Nuys, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of GLORIA'S CASUAL CLOTHES and that said firm is composed of the following person, whose name and address is as follows, to-wit:

Gloria Decker, 8691 Lookout Mountain Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of January, 1956.

GLORIA DECKER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ss

ON THIS 3rd day of January, A.D., 1956, before me, Clifford Laning, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Gloria Decker, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

CLIFFORD LANING
Notary Public in and for
Said County and State
My Commission expires May 10, 1957
Publish Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1956.

(Van Nuys News—G.S. 680)
CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
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THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby certify that she is conducting a mail order stamp approval business at Box 2276, City of Van Nuys, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of HUKILAU STAMP CO. & P K STAMPS, and that said firm is composed of the following person, whose name and address is as follows, to-wit:

Patricia Knowles, 5508½ Tilden St., Van Nuys, Calif.

WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of January, 1956.

PATRICIA KNOWLES

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ss

ON THIS 3rd day of January A.D., 1956, before me, Clifford Laning, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Patricia Knowles, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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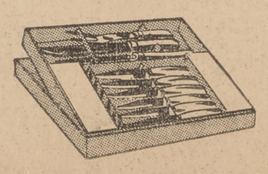

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News-Graphs

Expressed Editorially

By WALTER MENDENHALL

AND NOW IT'S HAPPY NEW YEAR

All over our Nation tonight at midnight bells will ring, bidding farewell to the past year and heralding the new. The year 1953 is history now. What we do with the new year, how we plan and proceed for our homes, our communities and our country will depend on our wisdom and our vision. We who are so fortunate as to live in the San Fernando Valley have glowing prospects for a happy, prosperous 1954. Let's make it that way.

CROWNING CRUCIBLE

"The test of a man's or a woman's breeding is how they behave in a quarrel."

—George Bernard Shaw

HE'S RIGHT MOST OF THE TIME

Roger W. Babson's forecast for first half of 1954 appears on Page A-5 of today's issue. It will make good reading for some folks—and, perchance, a bit sour for others. In any event, Mr. Babson has a long-established reputation for hitting the nail on the head in most of his predictions, so this forcast is well worth the time of reading.

FALSE PREMISE

"Too many fellows think they can push themselves forward by patting themselves on the back."

—Quoted by Earl Wilson

TIME MARCHES ON

Twenty years ago you could rent a house on an acre with poultry equipment for $10 a month. Ten years ago the sale of used or new automobiles entailed complying with regulations regarding gasoline mileage coupons and tire inspection record. Read about it in today's Flight of Time.

THAT GLASS HOUSE

This department censored the abbreviation, Xmas. And some discerning reader sent us clipping of classification heading in The News and Green Sheet, reading "Xmas Suggestions." Can't beat a bad penny.

WEATHER REGARDLESS

"A woman should wear just enough clothes to keep a man warm."

—HILDEGARD in The Reader's Digest

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT —IN AMERICA

'Way back in 1910 News-Graphs pilot was publishing a newspaper in Marceline, Mo., a coal mining and railroad town. The coal miners went on strike. 'Twas the first we'd ever heard of John L. Lewis, then legislative agent for United Mine Workers of America. Only 30 years of age then, he was considered small fry, but nevertheless had already begun to show his power of persuasion. The world knows where John is today. Just goes to show how far an energetic, ambitious man can go in America, whether he starts in Wall Street or in the coal pits.

PLENTY ON THE CUFF

In 1945 consumer credit on installment buying was $2 billions. In 1953 this had skyrocketed to $22 billions, according to Federal Reserve Board data. That's another kind of an eight-year record.

BUT IT'S TOUGH

"Self-restraint is feeling your oats without sowing them."

—SHANNON FIFE

"GOODBYE, 1953!"—Ready to give the "little" New Year a rousing welcome at gala dancing party slated tonight from 9 to 12 p.m. under sponsorship of Panorama City Post, American Legion and its Auxiliary are these officers in charge of arrangements. From left, Mrs. Charles Aldrich, second vice president of unit; Bill Gohl, commander; Bob Baker, adjutant and Mrs. Wesley Pritchard, unit president. Event will take place in "Castle" clubrooms, 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City, and is open to members and friends of both organizations. (Story on Page Seven) The News photo

Urgency of Traffic Relief Going to State Officials

WATER RATE ORDINANCE POSTPONED

Valley Farmers and Growers Demanding Reduction in Costs

City Council today had postponed a water rate ordinance to Jan. 5 after voting 7-4 against referring the matter back again to the Water and Power Commission on a motion offered by Councilman Robert Wilkinson.

Farmers and growers in the San Fernando Valley demanded that the proposed new water rate for intermittent irrigation be reduced from 2.3 cents per 100 cubic feet to a flat two cents.

Says Valley to Benefit

Councilman Harold Henry, chairman of a committee recommending adoption of the ordinance with increased rates, said it was unfair that the city should subsidize the Valley residents at the expense of domestic water users.

He said the Valley would benefit more than any other area.

L. E. Hadley, Stan Petit, Doy Dowds and Floyd Fuller, Valley farmers, protested.

They warned that increased irrigation rates would take the growers and the producers in the Valley out of a highly competitive market.

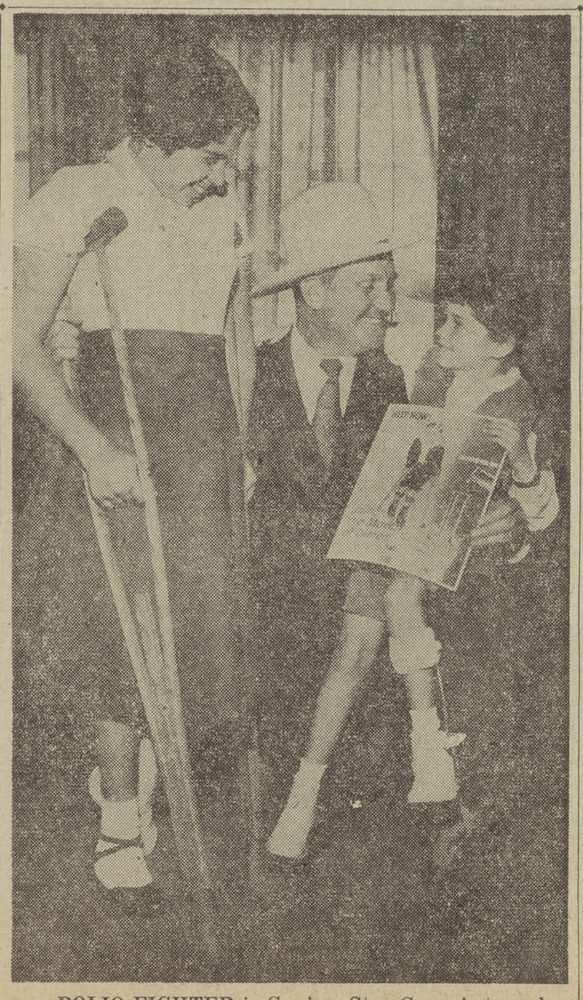
Water Dept. representatives, however, said the rate would match those in Orange County, and would not increase growing costs.

Property Owners Protest

Farmers replied that the tax rates in the San Fernando Valley were five times those in the growing sections of Orange County.

Water rates under the ordinance will be about 17.5% increase over the present rate average to the householder.

Representatives of the small property owners groups also protested any water rate increases.



POLIO FIGHTER is Cowboy Star Gene Autry who tells Rosemary De Angelo, 12, and Laurie Statman, 6, both post-polio patients, that he is happy to contribute to 1954 March of Dimes drive in Sherman Oaks where he lives. Autry hosted party to launch area campaign now in progress. The News photo

Added Load May React as 'Barrier'

By CHARLES S. RYAN

Public support of a campaign to have Ventura Blvd. improved so that it will more adequately serve the Valley's increasing traffic flow was gaining momentum today as preparations were made for a meeting on the problem with state highway officials.

J. F. McHam, president of the East Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce, reported that residential development in Woodland Hills alone was sufficient to increase traffic during the next year so that movement of automobiles on that crowded state highway would set up a barrier to Valley development and possible military operations.

Sees Critical Stage

"It is the duty of the state to improve Ventura Blvd. so that it will be possible for Valley residents to travel back and forth between their homes and their places of work at a reasonable expenditure of time and with less expense," he declared.

"Proof that the Ventura Blvd. traffic problem is headed toward a critical stage is indicated by the fact that 900 dwellings are nearing completion in Woodland Hills while plans are under way for construction of that many more."

New tract activities of the West Valley are centering along Vanowen St. and along Victory Blvd. west of Tampa Ave. for R1 development, and northwesterly of Oakdale Ave. and Calvert St., south of the Los Angeles River, for a proposed RS tract in which is being reserved an elementary school site.

File New Petition

Businessmen of the West Valley predict extraordinary growth of Northridge and Canoga Park as a result of City Council action in voting for establishment of an industrial zone on nearly 800 acres along the Southern Pacific railroad between Tampa and De Soto Aves., and in view of a study being made by the Planning Dept. to ascertain what properties in Canoga Park are best adaptable to industrial use.

Hearing will be held Tuesday afternoon in the Van Nuys American Legion clubhouse on an application filed by Harry M. Warner, motion picture magnate, for multiple dwelling and industrial zoning of about 220 acres on the northerly end of this ranch

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PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED

Honor Van Nuys Founder for Southland Water Leadership

Honorary Mayor Roy Rogers of Van Nuys today proclaimed Saturday, Jan. 2, as "W. P. Whitsett Day" in this city, honoring the founder of Van Nuys for his 18 vigorous years of chairmanship of the Metropolitan Water District in connection with Colorado River Aqueduct Week now being observed as the 25th "Silver Anniversary" year of operation is completed.

"It is with particular pride that we pay tribute to Mr. Whitsett as the man who spearheaded the tremendous task of programming the vast and vital project we now know as the Colorado River water system," Rogers declared.

Foresaw Inter-Dependence

"It was he who worked untiringly to acquire federal government cooperation and financial approval in bringing the program to realization, and in issuing this 'W. P. Whitsett Day' proclamation, I earnestly ask that all citizens of Van Nuys and of the Valley render due honor on Saturday to this vigorous and farseeing 'fighter' for the Southland's great present and greater future."

Founder of Van Nuys on Feb. 22, 1911, and during the next decade constantly busy with the development of the then small but enthusiastic "Hub of the Valley," Mr. Whitsett continually was aware of the interdependence of cities and communities in Southern California population centers, especially insofar as their future water needs would be concerned as the great flow of population would materialize in future years.

He was named a director of the Public Service Commission of the City of Los Angeles on July 14,

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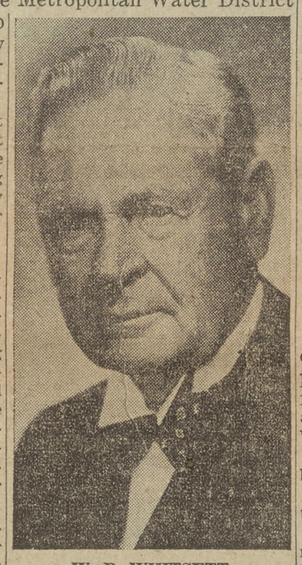

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THAT'S RIGHT—THEY'LL CLOSE

Government offices, financial institutions and retail stores will not be open tomorrow, in observance of New Year's Day.

Some markets and drug stores will serve customers. Police and Fire Depts. function without change, of course.

Stores will be open for business as usual Saturday at 9:30 a.m., but the financial firms and government offices will be closed until Monday morning.

Award Valley Contracts for Street Work

Nine contracts for a total of $71,391 for street improvements in the San Fernando Valley, today had been awarded by the Board of Public Works.

All work is scheduled to start by Jan. 15.

The projects, prices and contracts included:

Grading and paving of Weidner St., between Amboy Ave. and Laurel Canyon Blvd., awarded to Paul Drummond on a bid of $5736.

Pave Telfair Ave.

Grading and paving of Telfair Ave. between Sheldon and Wicks Sts., Schroeder Co., $12,598.

For installation of sewer lines in Lindley Ave., and Strathern St., an interceptor line, Spann and Kenton Co., $27,091.

Grading and paving of Miranda St., the alley east of Tujunga Ave. and other streets within the improvement district, Griffith Co., $4378.

Grading and paving of Morris St. between Tuxford and Fleetwood Sts., Schroeder Co., $8363.

Grading to Cost $3385

Grading of Wyngate St. for a distance of 331 feet east of Sherman Grove Ave., to B. H. Mollett, $3385.

Grading and paving of Security Ave., on the east side for a distance of 470 feet north of Saticoy St., Newman and Malcolm Inc., $2357.

Grading and paving Greenbush Ave., Burbank Blvd., and other streets within the improvement district, Newman and Malcolm Inc., $11,094.

For installation of sewer lines in the Mulholland Drive and Briar Summit Drive district. Bosnyak and Sutalo, $6387.

Milk Down Cent a Quart Here Friday

The price of milk is due to drop one cent a quart here tomorrow, according to announcement by the Bureau of Milk Control in Sacramento, following the just-completed statewide hearings on factors affecting milk pricing.

The bureau's order sets the price in Los Angeles County at 20 cents per quart for milk to be bought in stores, and at 21½ cents per quart for milk delivered at the home.

While housewives and milk drinkers in general were welcoming the penny cut, the reduction was emphatically described by Safeway Stores Inc., as insufficient.

By no stretch of the imagination, said O. Grover Steele, milk specialist for Safeway, "does this latest price order . . . serve the milk producers or adequately benefit the consumers of California.

"It is time that bureaucratic fixing of milk prices to consumers be ended and that the price of milk be permitted to drop to its natural competitive level," he said in scoring the entire idea of a minimum price for milk being established by the state.

Safeway and Ralphs grocery stores have consistently called for lower milk prices at the retail level for store-bought milk. Steele said the new 20-cent minimum is "at least two cents a quart higher than it should be."

At the hearings on which the new minimum was based, dairy farmers fought any cuts, arguing that production costs are still rising. The bureau held, however, that an improvement in feed conditions and an increased supply justified the reductions.

Gene Autry Hosts Kick-Off for Sherman Oaks 'Dimes' Drive

Gene Autry, famed cowboy singing star and Valley resident, today had launched the 1954 March of Dimes campaign in the Sherman Oaks district by presenting a substantial check to Chairman Charles De Angelo.

Hosting an informal party in his Hollywood office to celebrate the campaign kick-off, Autry had as guests De Angelo, Paul Humphrey, assistant chairman; Mrs. J. J. Kelley Jr., chairlady, and a group of the Valley's own post-polio children, "to bring forth the importance of our drive this year," De Angelo stated.

Focus On Children

"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis wil' embark upon one of the most scientific tests in all medical history between February and June 1954," the chairman explained.

"Up to 1,000,000 children will be given injections of a trial vaccine which it is hoped will protect them against paralytic poliomyelitis. All eyes in America will be focused hopefully upon the second grade school children of the 200 communities who will be the fortunate recipients of man's first safe potential vaccine against polio."

The Sherman Oaks area goal in the "Dimes" drive now opening is set at $20,000, De Angelo said, adding that he is going to benefit by the volunteer work of two other assistants as well, who were not at Autry's party—Robert Sigars and James J. Kelley Jr.

"Contributions may be sent to March of Dimes Fund, c/o J. J. Lombardo, Bank of America, Sherman Oaks," Chairman De Angelo explained. "Volunteers are needed, as usual, and are asked please to call at our headquarters, Dee's Restaurant, 13301 Ventura Blvd.," he added.

Protect Against Disease

"To put it simply—without the public's gracious help, we could not this year look forward hopefully to final victory over infantile paralysis," was his statement.

"We adults won't be fortunate enough to feel the needle, because before we can protect ourselves we must make it possible for all children to be protected against the disease. Our job now is to join the 1954 March of Dimes—to give and give—'til it hurts!" he emphasized.

RADIOPLANE HEAD HURT CRITICALLY IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Aircraft executive Whittly C. Collins, 75, was injured critically Tuesday when his automobile collided with another at Chester Ave. and Camarillo St.

Collins, of Beverly Hills, suffered a fractured left shoulder, fractured left hand and a possible fracture of the chest.

He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

Collins is president of Radioplane Co., 8000 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, an organization which makes modern aircraft parts.

Driver of the other car was Mrs. Maxine Masciotra, 39, of 5929 Tobias Ave., Van Nuys. She suffered minor cuts and shock, and was treated at Valley Receiving Hospital.

Five Granges Will Install New Officers

Officers of five granges will be installed Jan. 4 at a colorful ceremony in the Chatsworth American Legion clubhouse, 21340 Devonshire St. Ceremonies are scheduled for 8 p.m.

Edwin Koster, California State Grange overseer of Oakland, will be the installing officer. Assisting him will be Celia Harding of Fowler, state secretary; Gladys Kimbal and Lillian Hardman of West Los Angeles, Cora Lee Acord, and Harry Coleman.

Leaders Are Listed

The granges to be represented by the new officers are the Chatsworth Grange, Roscoe, Val Verde, Winnetka and the San Fernando Valley Pomona Granges.

Chatsworth Grange officers are Arleen Coleman, master; Clyde Aldridge, Barbara Aldridge, Jessie Burton, Lilly Madrid, J. Bill Luce, Maud Harlow, Val Madrid and Lulu Anderson.

Roscoe Grange officers are Charles Chance, master; Robert Aikin, Isa McKee, Charles Parks, Elmer Cowles, Myrtle Russell, Sam Riley, and Charles Sporer.

Heading the Val Verde Grange for the new year are Howard Hellyer, master; Jerry Cech, Annie Frieburg, Lois Garner, Wendell Bentley, Wallace Lips, Amy Cech, John Garner, and Robert Stowe.

The Winnetka Grange has elected Calvin Monroe to serve as master, and these other officers: Lee Stracner, Nelson Van Horn, Paul Duber, Marie Anderson, Charles Ross, Ethel Elliott and Henry Bohanon.

Officers of the San Fernando Valley Pomona Grange are Lee Tripp, master; Theo Bliss, Arleen Coleman, Calvin Monroe, Jay Luce, Elsie Johnson, Elizabeth Dudley, Maud Harlow and Elmer Cowles.

On Guest Schedule

State Chaplain Leta Littler of Los Angeles, and Elmer Frieburg of the state executive committee, will be on hand to witness the installation. Other out-of-town guests will be the former state deputy, Harold Harding and wife from Whittier; Jim Littler of Los Angeles, and Lloyd Harding from Fowler, Cal. Master of the San Fernando Valley Pomona Grange, and Arleen Coleman, lecturer, will be the host and hostess for the evening.

Music will be provided by Pianist Harry Coleman, Soloist Alice Tripp, and Accompanist Jeanett Bedel. Refreshments will follow installation.

THIEVES NAB LOOT FROM DRUG STORE VALUED AT $1500

Burglars bored through three Tarzana stores during the night to force their way into the West Valley Drug Store at 18644 Ventura Blvd.

Their efforts paid off. They escaped with more than $1500 loot.

Valley police said the thieves first broke into a shoe store on Yolanda Ave. around the corner and three doors away from the drug store, and tore holes in walls of two other stores to gain entry.

About $500 was taken from the cash register and $1000 in merchandise, including expensive pen and cigaret lighters, accord- Max Marx, owner.

discovered the burglary e opened shop Monday.

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50-Bed Sanitarium Proposed if Local Property Rezoned

Plans to establish a 50-bed sanitarium on Magnolia Blvd. between Kester Ave. and Willis Ave., was disclosed Tuesday at a City Planning Commission rezoning hearing in Van Nuys American Legion clubhouse.

Mrs. O. J. Schlicht, wife of the applicant, Dr. O. J. Schlicht, said they had an opportunity to lease the property for a sanitarium if the present R1 and R3 zone be changed to C2 and the present R1 changed to R3 on a lot adjoining to the east.

Several neighbors spoke for the change and there was no opposition.

Paving Requested

Property owners have petitioned the City Council for paving on Mary Ellen Ave. between Victory Blvd. and Sylvan St., and for an electrolier lighting system on Yarmouth Ave. between Vanowen St. and Gault St.

Scandinavian Lodge Plans Shops on Site if Rezoned

Duplicate of a village in Sweden with a series of small shops and a lodge clubhouse is planned on Sherman Way east of Allott Ave. if the site is rezoned.

This was disclosed Tuesday at a City Planning Commission hearing in Van Nuys American Legion clubhouse on the application of Golden Valley Lodge 616, Vasa Order of America, which owns the property.

Include Parking Zone

The lodge asked that the present R4 multiple dwelling zone be changed to the commercial zone on the south side of Sherman Way adjoining the flood control channel east of Allott Ave.

Spokesman for the lodge, William Thorpe of Los Angeles, said the plan called for shops costing approximately $60,000. They will be along the front of the property. The application also asked for parking zone on a 125x166-foot parcel adjoining to the south of the proposed commercial zone.

Decision Due Jan. 7

Thorpe said the lodge which is comprised of Scandinavians residing in the Valley, plans to sell imported Scandinavian products in the shops and operate a coffee shop on the premises. The food products also may be purchased to take home, he said.

Berger O. Peterson, 6038 Ethel Ave., president; and Albert Blomstrand, 8508 Costello Ave., trustee of the lodge, attended the meeting. There was no opposition.

Examiner Willard Ridings said the commission would make a decision Jan. 7.

Two Gunmen Take $70 from Merchant

Two gunmen seeking street directions robbed Liso Liquors at 10653 Burbank Blvd., of $70, Valley Division police report.

They emptied the cash register and removed the wallet of owner Dominic Liso, after coming in and asking him for directions, Liso related to the officers.

Hydrogen Explosion Injures Man's Back

A Los Angeles man received a possible fractured back when an explosion occurred at 12270 Montague St. where he was opening valves on hydrogen bottles, police report.

The explosion blew the door off a small refrigerator piped with the gas, and it struck Eugene Pond, 47, injuring his back, the reports said.

Set Up Bridge Funds

Expenditure of $39,000 from the permanent improvement fund for bridge approaches and betterments on Wilbur Ave., Roscoe Blvd. and Parthenia St. over the Wilbur-Aliso creek channel has been authorized by the City Council.

Tax Paying Time Right Here Again

It's tax season again.

Not that the season ever closes—but people seem to talk taxes more during the first months of the year.

Congress and the administration are writing new tax laws, and looking for ways to cut down on spending. (In the post office, for instance, they saved almost a million dollars last year by switching to lightweight nylon pouches for air mail.)

We common folk, at the same time, are getting up nerve to tackle the annual income tax statement.

All the hubbub and extra arithmetic gets in the way of what's already a pretty obscure fact—we pay more than twice as much additional taxes all through the year. And we don't even know about most of it. (How many auto drivers know they pay a six-cent per gallon oil tax? Collections just for that item ran $95 million last year.)

Last year, the Bureau of Internal Revenue collected about $22 billion in personal income taxes. But aside from income taxes, it collected an additional $43 billion of taxes ranging from a 10 per cent bookie excise tax to the 20 per cent baby oil tax and the 82 per cent corporation profits tax.

Painter Dies As Auto Hits Ice on Street

Los Angeles house painter was killed yesterday morning when the auto he was driving struck ice at 19100 Saticoy St., overturned several times and slid into another parked auto which also had overturned a short time before when it struck the ice, police report.

Dead on arrival at Valley Receiving Hospital was Joseph Maurizio, 27. His passengers, Willie Mitchell, 17, of Hermosa Beach and Eugene Tolomei, 38, of Venice, were treated for minor injuries.

Maurizio is survived by his widow, Dorothy and a 10 months old daughter, Linda.

The second accident occured while Police Sgt. J. A. Smith was en route to Van Nuys police headquarters to obtain ice warning signs after the first car had overturned at the site.

It was driven by Marion Marshall, 22, of Altadena, also a painter who was westbound on Saticoy St. Another painter, Stanley Hufford, 29, of 14618 Gault St., Van Nuys who was following the Marshall car helped Marshall move his auto to the side of the road. Marshall received minor head injuries in the accident.

All the men involved were painters en route to work at a housing project.

Injured Truck Driver Trapped in Vehicle After Ramming Auto

A truck driver was trapped in the cab of his vehicle for more than 10 minutes while ambulance attendants and police worked to extricate him following a traffic accident at Ventura Blvd. and La Maida St., police report.

He was Vaughn Atkins, 29, a brick mason of 23240 Burbank Blvd., who was taken to Valley Receiving Hospital with a possible fractured leg, head injuries, multiple cuts and bruises.

His truck rammed into the rear of the auto of Samuel Holt, 41, of 5136 Rubio Ave., who was knocked unconscious by the impact but soon recovered.

The Holt car was stopped in a line of traffic and was forced into the car of Harold Holmes, 14939 Dickens St. which in turn struck the auto of Harry Cook, 47, of Alhambra.

PAYMENTS CONFIRMED

Assessments have been confirmed by the City Council for the Cartwright Ave. and Sherman Way improvement district.

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WHEREAS, the week of Dec. 27, 1953 to Jan. 2, 1954 is being observed throughout Southern California in recognition of the Silver Anniversary of the Metropolitan Water District, and,

WHEREAS, the solution of the serious water problem in Southern California has been vital to the continued growth and development of this area, and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Aqueduct has been instrumental in providing ample electric power for Southern California industry, as well as life giving water for an unprecedented influx of population following the war years, and,

WHEREAS, the planning, construction and ultimate operation of this, the longest and largest aqueduct in the world, presented problems of engineering, finance and administration, which seemed insurmountable at the time, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. W. P. Whitsett, father and founder of Van Nuys, served as Chairman of the first Metropolitan Water District Board from Dec. 28, 1928 to Jan. 10, 1947, providing the necessary vision, leadership and determination for the ultimate completion and operation of that project,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Honorary Mayor of Van Nuys, I hereby decree that Saturday, January 2nd, shall be recognized in the City of Van Nuys as "W. P. WHITSETT DAY" and recommend that all good citizens observe it by means of congratulatory messages, felicitations and other forms of gracious recognition to the man we are honoring.

ROY ROGERS, Honorary Mayor

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Honor Van Nuys Founder for MWD Chairmanship

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1924—first appointment ever to be made out of the Valley—in which capacity he served until Dec. 28, 1928.

During these four-plus years, he had been energetically delving into the matter of future water needs, and had been looking over probable best source of the precious liquid—namely, the Colorado River.

At the same time Mr. Whitsett was looking over, he was being "looked over" by other Southland leaders who could foresee this need, and were after the man who could take up the leadership necessary to make such a giant project a success.

As is well known, Mr. Whitsett was chosen and on the same day he left the Public Service Commission, he became chairman of the Metropolitan Water District, in which capacity he served until Jan. 10, 1947, retiring from the top post when he felt the construction and expansion periods were solid for the future and that the present task at hand was done.

Paying Own Way

In this time he had headed the job of bringing to realization the largest water system in the world—a life-giving stream of Colorado River water pouring into thirsty cities through a 457-mile system of pipes, tunnels and conduits—starting in 1932 and finished in 1941 at an original cost of almost $200,000,000.

"We believe it is a matter of pride for all Southern California to know that the entire cost of their Metropolitan aqueduct is being paid for by the water users and taxpayers in this area, without any federal subsidy or controls," current Chairman Joseph Jensen stated today.

This program of payment had been an integral part of the planning insisted upon by Mr. Whitsett, a firm believer in the "pay your own way" policy.

A remarkable story of growth and achievement has been recorded by the district in the intervening years since the first directors meeting was held on Dec. 29, 1928.

The number of incorporated cities in the Metropolitan Water District has increased from the original 11 to 50. Its area has increased from 624 square miles in 1928 to more than 1700 square miles in December 1953.

Now Represents 75%

Originally the district areas were situated in Los Angeles and Orange counties; in December, 1953, district territory extended into five California counties—Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside.

Population of the district has increased from 1,600,000 in 1928 to more than 4,000,000 in 1953; its assessed valuation has grown from $2,200,000,000 in 1928 to more than $6,000,000,000 in 1953.

Population and assessed valuation of the Metropolitan Water District now represents about 75% of the total Southland water service area.

GASOLINE IGNITES BURNING BOY, 12

Robert Sharp, 12, of 11433 Wicks St., is in Sun Valley Hospital today recovering from second and third degree burns on the upper part of his body received when gasoline with which he was playing, ignited, police report.

The boy's mother told police Robert was in the yard playing with the gasoline when it ignited setting him afire.

Set Color Telecast

The press and television dealers of Southern California will see Raytheon color television for the first time in the Gold Room of the Ambassador Hotel on New Year's Day. The color telecast of the Rose Parade will be shown from 9:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

ALLEGED BURGLAR FOUND HIDING ON SHELF IN MARKET

A self-styled professional burglar ended up on the shelf.

Wendell W. Shaw, 34, of 9126 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, was found hiding on a shelf behind sacks of flour and sugar in a market at 8310 Woodman Ave.

Police found the man after investigating a report of a burglary in the market. They discovered a hole in the roof of the building and searched the premises.

Shaw told police he has been arrested more than 50 times and has served four prison sentences.

Police said they believed he was accompanied by others.

ORDER ALLEY PAVED

Improvement of the alley south of Ventura Blvd. between Nagle Ave. and Dixie Canyon Ave. has been ordered by the City Council.

HOLD CRIPPLED BIRD FOR OWNER

A crippled but brave hawk is being held for its owner today by Mrs. R. B. Sepez of 7243 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys.

Mrs. Sepez discovered the bird Monday morning. It was perched on her backyard fence, defying her four cats who sat below with consuming looks on their faces.

One of the bird's wings was heavily taped, leading Mrs. Sepez to believe the hawk is someone's pet. She is now protecting the stray from her cats and will return it to the owner. Her telephone is STate 5-7826.

HEARING SET

Young Mother Pleads Guilty to Leaving Trio of Babies Unattended

Young mother who pleaded guilty to a charge of endangering the life of her three babies after they were found alone in an unheated apartment at 10340 Keswick St. will appear Jan. 14 for probation hearing.

She was Mrs. Sophie Munoz, 21, who entered a guilty plea before Municipal Judge Julian Beck. Her husband, Pvt. Ernest Munoz, 21, is with the Army in Korea.

Neighbors called police Sunday after noticing that the mother hadn't been seen since the day before Christmas. Juvenile officers found Rickie, 1, and Ernie, 2, in a bed, and a girl, Aurilia, 3, on a cot without clothes. They said the gas burners were on but not lighted. The windows in the apartment were open.

Aurilia was treated at Van Nuys Receiving Hospital and then sent to General Hospital suffering from malnutrition and exposure. The boys were sent to juvenile hall.

The mother was arrested when she returned to a restaurant where she had been working in the neighborhood of her home. She told officers she had been in Oxnard for three days and thought that a woman by the name of Angie would look after the children.

Mrs. Munoz was released on $500 bail.

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Select Bill on Agriculture as YMCA's Entry

After much deliberation, committee of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association met and judged bills presented by Hi-Y boys and girls for the forthcoming youth and government conference, to be held in Sacramento, Feb. 18-20, (Sixth California YMCA Model Legislature, State Capitol).

Jerry Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O. Richardson, 14136 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, is author of a bill finally selected to represent West Valley YMCA at the conference. He will go to model legislature as assemblyman from West Valley. His bill is: An act to amend the Agricultural Code, relating to the necessity for pasteurization of milk and milk products.

Attorneys Judge Bills

Young Richardson is a junior at Van Nuys High School. He has had much experience in "Y" work, and he plans to go on with youth work in advance study. He is leader of Mustangs Gra-Y; is an officer in his Hi-Y Club, the Hi-Lites, is a camp leader from both summer mountain camp as well as day camp.

Advisor to the youth and government program this year is Mrs. Betty Block, 14612 Hamlin St., Van Nuys.

Panel of attorneys who have judged these bills include: chairman, Harry Gross, Jess High, John Garvin. All attorneys in Van Nuys have been available throughout the writing of the bills for consultation and advice. The preceding have represented San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

Chosen as second best bill was introduced by Phillip N. Cutting, of the Hi-Steppers Hi-Y Club. His was an act to amend the Motor Vehicle Code, relating to signals by hand and arm or signal device.

Commends Entrants

Third best bill was introduced by David Hjelt, representing Hi-Lites Hi-Y Club. His was an act to amend the Vehicle Code, relating to scope of examinations for applicants for drivers' license.

Chairman Gross said: "All of the bills had considerable merit, and choosing the first three was not easy. Although less bills were submitted this year, the quality on the whole was much better. We were impressed by the research that the participants put into the matter, and the judges want to commend all of the entrants for their efforts."

Other bills were prepared and introduced by Keith McFarland, Joan Lynd, John Klein, all of the coeducational Hi-Y Clubs.

Planning Musical

Composer-Conductor Dimitri Tiomkin and Broadway comedy star Phil Silvers are collaborating on a stage musical.

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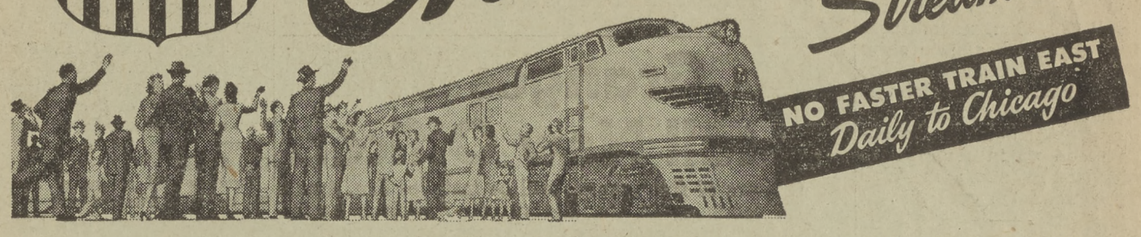
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CITE CIVIC LEADER—William Paul Whitsett (seated left), known as "father and founder of Van Nuys," accepts testimonial plaque authored by Supervisor Warren M. Dorn (seated center), with Mrs. Whitsett at right. Standing from left are W. W. Speer, Atty. Harold E. White, H. C. Sorgenfrey, Robert S. Fuller, Clarence E. Funk, Verne L. House, Arthur D. Aston, Fred Whitmire, W. M. Neighbors, Lester R. Pickup, James G. Moran and Ferdinand Mendenhall—all personal friends and associates of Mr. Whitsett. Formal presentation took place in regular County Board of Supervisors' session in Hall of Records.

CITY COUNCIL "MATCHES"—W. P. Whitsett also is honored with parchment of esteem and citation for civic leadership in local and Western projects by Los Angeles City Council, authored by Councilman James C. Corman. From left are Councilmen Patrick D. McGee and Everett G. Burkhalter, Joseph Jensen, Council President John Gibson, F. R. "Bob" Hill, Mr. Whitsett, A. H. Meacham in second row, Mrs. Whitsett, Lester R. Pickup, Councilman Earle D. Baker who made presentation, William E. McCann, and Dr. Herman Hendrickson. The News photos

William Paul Whitsett, Van Nuys' Founder, Honored With City, County Testimonials

County Supervisors today had honored William Paul Whitsett, founder of the city of Van Nuys, at a sepcial ceremony at the Hall of Records. A delegation of San Fernando Valley civic leaders watched as Supervisor Warren M. Dorn presented a citation to the community leader.

Dorn's resolution read as follows:

"Whereas, Mr. Whitsett is well known also for his many generous gifts and charities, more particulary for his major contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, San Fernando Valley Council, to the Bethlehem Star Parade Association to the San Fernando Valley Presbyterian Hospital, to the Hollywood Beverly Chrstian Church, and to the Community Chest, and

Major Contribution

"Whereas, Mr. Whitsett, as the father and founder of Van Nuys, and one of the recognized elder statesman of the County itself, has continually taken an active part in the social, civic, cultural, religious, and welfare programs of the community;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, hereby express its deep and lasting thanks to Mr. W. P. Whitsett for his incalculable contributions to his city, state, and nation, and

"Be it further resolved, that an embossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Whitsett as a testimonial of the respect, admiration and high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens, associates, and by the public officials of the county of Los Angeles."

Mr. Whitsett, of 14547 Valley Vista Blvd., was accompanied by his wife Ida at the presentation ceremonies.

Mr. Whitsett addressed the Supervisors with expression of thanks for the testimonial. He was followed by Mrs. Whitsett, who quoted the famed "Give me men to match our mountains," and emphasized that the West and Southern California in particular gave strength to those words with the exemplary civic leaders produced here.

Council Recognition

Mr. Whitsett, who founded Van Nuys in 1911, also was commended by the City Council as "A Grand Pioneer of the San Fernando Valley."

The resolution was signed by Councilman James C. Corman. Councilman Earle D. Baker made the presentation because Corman was in Monterey attending a State Bar Association meeting.

Baker said the growth of the Valley was "largely due to the energetic business and welfare activities of Mr. Whitsett."

Baker praised Whitsett as one of those who helped bring water to the Los Angeles area as chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District for 27 years.

Councilman Everett G. Burkhalter credited Whitsett as "A pioneer who is largely responsible for the building of Hoover Dam."

Baker agreed and said Whitsett had served as a Water and Power commissioner when the Colorado River aqueduct from Hoover Dam was being planned and built to bring water here.

Cite Tireless Work

"He has worked tirelessly for social, civic, cultural, religious and welfare programs benefiting the Van Nuys community," Baker said.

Whitsett and Mrs. Whitsett both addressed the Council, thanking members for the honor and reminiscing about the early days of the city's growth.

Valley leaders present to honor Mr. Whitsett included H. C. Sorgenfrey, president of San Fernando Federal Savings and Loan Association; Robert S. Fuller, executive vice president; Arthur D. Aston and Verne L. House, vice presidents, and board members W. W. "Dick" Speer, Fred Whitmire, and Ferdinand Mendenhall who served as Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett's escort for the testimonial events.

The Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce was represented by President Lester R. Pickup and Secretary-Manager W. M. "Brick" Neighbors.

Likewise in Group

Also honoring the civic leader were Boy Scout Council representatives, Council President A. H. Meacham, Scout Executive F. R. "Bob" Hill and Herman S. Hendrickson MD, member of board.

Likewise present were Joseph Jensen, chairman of the board of Metropolitan Water District who succeeded Mr. Whitsett in that most important post; Atty. Harold E. White, counsel for Valley Federal; Clarence E. Funk, Mr. Whitsett's personal assistant, and William E. McCann, administrative assistant to Mayor Poulson.

James G. Moran, administrative assisistant to Supervisor Dorn, was in charge of arrangements at the Hall of Records, and McCann directed the presentation in the Council chambers.

COUNTY TO MOVE 700 PRISONERS TO HONOR RANCH

Some 700 prisoners will be transferred from the overcrowded County Jail to new facilities at Castaic by Oct. 15, according to Asst. County Manager L. S. Hollinger.

Hollinger revealed the $2,000,000 maximum security at Wayside Honor Rancho is nearing completion despite delays caused by this summer's building trades strike.

The 700 men will be selected from 2500 prisoners now housed at the Hall of Justice jail. City Building and Safety Director Gilbert Morris condemned upper floors of the jail this summer as unsafe for inmate occupancy.

Members of the County Grand Jury branded the Hall of Justice jail a "death trap" and complained prisoners were forced to sleep on the floor.

Calendar of Meetings

MONDAY

KIWANIS

Pacoima—7 p.m., Sinclairs, 12507 San Fernando Road.
Valley Plaza—noon, Eddie Saunders', 11466 Chandler Blvd.

LIONS

Canoga Park—7 p.m., Golden Bull, 21603 Devonshire St., Chatsworth.
Newhall-Saugus—2:30 p.m., Club 597, 17869 San Fernando Road.
North Hollywood—12:15 p.m., Hody's, 6006 Lankershim Blvd.
Pacoima—7 p.m., Sinclair's, 12507 San Fernando Road.

OPTIMISTS

Toluca-Universal—noon, Driftwood Chuckwagon, 12111 Magnolia Blvd.

ROTARY

North Hollywood—12:10 p.m., Hody's 6006 Lankershim Blvd.
Palmdale—7:45 p.m. Rupp's Cafe, 83248 N. Sixth St., East.
Reseda—7 p.m., Silver Platter, 18373 Ventura Blvd.

TOASTMASTERS

Burbank Lockheed Management—6:30 p.m., Sailee's, 3113 W. Olive St.
North Hollywood—7 p.m., Bill Storey's, 4100 Cahuenga Blvd.
Van Nuys 172—6:45 p.m., Panorama Inn, 8300 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City.

OTHERS

National Association of Retired Employes, Valley Chapter 61, third Monday, 1:30 to 4 p.m., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 11031 Camarillo St., North Hollywood.
Panorama Sportsman's Club—7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 13553 Reedley St., Van Nuys.
San Fernando Valley Jewish War Veteran's Post 603—8:30 p.m., 11929 Ventura Blvd.
San Fernando Camp Kearny DAV Post 13—8 p.m., Recreation Hall, San Fernando Veterans Hospital, 732 Mott St.
Sherman Oaks American Legion Post 813—8 p.m., 13840 Riverside Drive.
Van Nuys Anheuser-Busch-American Legion Post 843—8 p.m., 15800 Roscoe Blvd.
Knights of Columbus, West Valley Council 3148—8 p.m., second and fourth Monday, Carpenters Hall, 7500 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys VFW Post 2061—8 p.m., 14412 Hamlin St.
Van Nuys Civil Air Patrol—8 p.m., 8100 Balboa Blvd.
Van Nuys Order of Scottish Clans—8 p.m., IOOF Hall, 14438 Friar St.
Reseda Adult Recreation Club—1 p.m. Reseda Park, 18411 Victory Blvd.

TUESDAY

KIWANIS

Canoga Park—6:30 p.m., Woman's Club, 7401 Jordan Ave.
Palmdale—6:45 p.m., Kiwanis Clubhouse.
Panorama City—noon, Panorama Inn, 8300 Van Nuys Blvd.
Sepulveda—7 p.m., Rafters, 8715 Sepulveda Blvd.
San Fernando—noon, Porter Hotel, 211 S. Brand Blvd.

OPTIMIST

Granada Hills—7 p.m., Mamma Lucia's 17546 Chatsworth St.
Sun Valley—noon, Queen of Clubs, 8293 San Fernando Road.
Van Nuys—6:30 p.m., Optimist Youth Center, Gilmore St., at Willis Ave.

ROTARY

Canoga Park—12:10 p.m., San Fernando Valley Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road, Woodland Hills.
Studio City—12:10 p.m., "Crazy Legs" Hirsch Restaurant, 12010 Ventura Blvd.
Tarzana—7 p.m., Hangman's Tree, 18671 Ventura Blvd.

OTHERS

West Valley Chess Club—7:30 p.m. Orcutt Park, 21816 Lanark St.
Northridge Lions—7:30 p.m., Al and Stan's, 18251 Parthenia St.
Pacoima Lend-A-Hand Club—2 p.m., 13222 Gager St.
San Fernando Toastmasters—7 p.m., Porter Hotel, 211 S. Brand Blvd.
Sherman Oaks Lions—noon, Encino Club, 5251 Sepulveda Blvd.
Woodland Hills Lions—7:30 p.m., Silver Platter, 18373 Ventura Blvd.
Canoga Park Moose Lodge 1788—8 p.m., 20230 Saticoy St. (Off for few weeks.)
West Valley Junior Optimist—7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday, 19351 Hatteras St., Tarzana. (Off for few weeks.)
Canoga Park VFW Post 2805—8 p.m., first and third Tuesday, VFW Hall, 21923 Sherman Way.

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Expressed Editorially

By WALTER MENDENHALL

VALLEY AGAIN TOPS IN CONSTRUCTION

The hammer and saw sang a merry tune in the San Fernando Valley during September, records of Building and Safety Dept. assure. During the month 1702 new building permits were issued for a total valuation of $14,828,658 in this district, exclusive of Burbank and San Fernando City. This valuation exceeds last September's by about $200,000, and accounted for 46% of greater Los Angeles' total of $39,475,272. The Valley has continued to head all Southland new building activity for a number of years.

NONE EXEMPT?

One Valley wag insists that, while true lobsters are found only along the North American Coast and the shores of the Mediterranean sea, real crabs can be found in any office.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED

The Los Angeles City Council and County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically recognized the long community services of W. P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys, with appropriate memorializations Tuesday. A large group of Valley friends and associates joined in grateful acknowledgment to Mr. Whitsett's invaluable aid to community commerce, religious and social life, youth and health organizations, initiated with his founding of Van Nuys in a barley field Feb. 22, 1911, and assiduously pursued through 46 years of this community's progress.

KEEPING DODGERS ON THE DODGE—

That's what's going on down at our city hall. Decision was to be last Monday by our city fathers about bringing 'em here, but due to conflicting amendments decision was postponed until tomorrow. Two Valley Councilmen, Patrick D. McGee and Earle D. Baker, are representing the sentiment of their constituents by opposing the major leaguers' project under present terms of acquisition. Anyway, here are the arguments both ways:

FOR—

Inasmuch as Los Angeles is big league in population, it rightfully should have big league baseball team. Would add to prestige in its growing status as the nation's leading sports center. Patronage of associates and fans would be a shot in the arm for retail business.

FORNINST—

Allocation of over $4 million in city and county funds that are sorely needed for vital public improvements. Exchanging 300 acres Chavez Ravine land for 10 acres Wrigley Field, which apparently no one wants. Long Coast to Coast "jump" to play games. Los Angeles not baseball-minded, as evidenced by an average 5000 to 6000 attendance at "hot" double-headers between Angels and Stars, while an ordinary afternoon game in the majors back east draws from 35,000 to 60,000.

SUMMING UP

There are more "reasons" presented pro and con, but those listed are the ones most heard. In any event, tomorrow's City Council action should decide.

A COMMITTEE

—Is described as a group of the unfits, appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary.

FATHER-SON BANQUET is conducted by Van Nuys Post 193, American Legion, with fine attendance at event chairmaned by Legionnaire John J. Balint of 15212 Lanark St., Van Nuys. Among principals, from left are Post Commander Warren Sortomme, James Balint 15, Chairman Balint, Gerald Balint 13, Ronald Simpson 17, first vice commander, Post Detachment of Sons of the American Legion, and Bill Madden 17, Detachment commander. The News photo

TODAY'S PARLEY INFORMAL

But Tomorrow's 'Bums' Vote Day in Council

Today and tomorrow are vital days in the moves to bring the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles. At 1 p.m. today members of the City Council will meet informally with Henry J. Walsh, attorney who is secretary and a director of the Dodger corporation, to "iron out" differences of opinion over terms of the proposed contract drawn up between the team and the city.

Walsh will represent Walter H. O'Malley, president of the corporation, who has telegraphed he is "tied up" in New York because of World Series commitments.

Vote Uncertain

Tomorrow the City Council officially votes on the contract, with, at present, a certainty that only nine of the 10 needed votes to pass it will be cast.

Among negative or uncertain votes are those of Councilmen John C. Holland, leader of the fight against the contract, and Valley Councilmen Patrick D. McGee and Earle D. Baker.

Valley Councilman James C. Corman has definitely said he will vote for the contract, as now written.

Demands Changes

McGee indicated yesterday that if "some changes in the contract" are accepted at today's conference he will vote for its adoption, but the changes will have to be in line with amendments he offered unsuccessfully in Council sessions.

He said that before he votes for the ordinance granting the city contract to the Dodgers the following amendments must be made:

1—That any land given the Dodgers by the city would automatically revert back to the city if the Dodgers failed to use it for recreational purposes.

'Retain Oil Rights'

2—That at least a 20-year time limit (preferably a 35-year limit as imposed on the Giants in San Francisco) be provided for the Dodgers to carry out their agreements.

3—That the city retain all oil rights in the land it proposes to give the Dodgers, whether or not the Dodgers give the city oil rights in Wrigley Field.

"As it stands now, the contract is unfair and dangerous to the city," said McGee. "In some respects, it is illegal. There is no reason why we cannot work out a proper, legal and advantageous agreement which the majority of the people of the city would approve.

Says City Split

"We want the Dodgers here, but under honorable and harmonious conditions.

"If the Dodgers were to come here today, they would come to a split city."

Mayor Norris Poulson, City Administrator Samuel Leask

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Symphony Group Schedules Opening Meeting Tomorrow

The 1957-58 membership campaign of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Association will start tomorrow with a kickoff meeting at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kunze, 5629 Bellingham Ave.

Heading the workers is Mrs. David B. Juenke of Canoga Park. Her area chairmen are Mrs. Frank Carr, western area, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Topanga and Calabasas; Mrs. Ellis Patterson, southern area, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Encino and Tarzana.

Will Present Concerts

Also Mrs. Kunze, central area, Sepulveda, North Hollywood, Van Nuys and Reseda; Mrs. James D. Hodgson Panorama City, Granada Hills, Pacoima and Northridge; Mrs. A. L. Branda, eastern area 1, San Fernando, Sunland, Tujunga and Sun Valley, and Mrs. James Swift, eastern area 2, Glendale and Burbank.

The campaign will continue through Oct. 14. Membership is open on a student, individual, family, sustaining or sponsorship basis to all persons interested in musical and community betterment.

The association annually presents a series of four or five free concerts open to the public, several private musicales for members, sponsors a young artists competition and is establishing a scholarship fund to assist young musicians in musical study.

The first performance this year will be a United Nations commemorative concert Oct. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Van Nuys Junior High School.

Plan First Performance

The first orchestral concert, with Miklos Rosza as guest conductor, will be given Nov. 1 at 8:15 p.m. in North Hollywood Junior High School, 4525 Irvine St.

Further information may be secured from Mrs. Juenke, DIamond 0-7800; Karl Kunze, president, POplar 1-9997, James Swift, director, CItrus 1-9127 or any area chairman.

Animal Keeper Resigns as Zoo Employe Rehired

A Griffith Park Zoo animal keeper has resigned in protest over the return to work of Robert Constable of Van Nuys, a zoo employe who was fired and reinstated.

David C. Simmons of 14629 Sauder St., La Puente, quit effective Thursday.

In a letter to George Hjelte, manager of the City Dept. of Recreation and Parks, Simmons said he warned Hjelte he would resign "if any of the three discharged employes came back to work at the zoo."

The other two employes discharged are Aaron Krieger and Clark C. Ward.

Forest Plummer Closes Training

Pvt. Forest D. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest B. Plummer of 13641 Erwin St., Van Nuys, has completed the radio teletype operation course taught at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

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SUNNY SKIES FORECAST FOR VALLEY TODAY

Another sunny, smogless day is forecast for the Valley today by the Weather Bureau, a repeat of weather for most of the past week.

The temperature is expected to reach a high of about 75 degrees with a low tonight near 50.

Following are the temperature readings for the week as recorded at Valley headquarters of the Water and Power Dept.:

Sunday	89	60
Monday	89	55
Tuesday	83	50
Wednesday	78	52
Thursday	77	58
Friday	77	49
Saturday	80	47

ELKS RULER TO PRESENT $2028 FUND

Elmer H. Meyer, exalted ruler of Van Nuys Lodge 2028, BPO Elks, will present a check for $2028 to the California Elks Association as the culmination of the local lodge's Piggy Bank Drive.

The presentation by Meyer will be made during the 43rd annual convention of the state association scheduled Wednesday through Saturday in Santa Barbara.

Meyer said the money will help to swell the total contributions from all the lodges in California to the state association's major project—providing care for children afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Part of the funds collected through the lodge drives is set aside for scholarships for training of physical and speech therapists, he pointed out.

The money also provides for therapeuttic equipment, including station wagons to transport therapists to out of the way places throughout the state where afflicted children are out of reach of city clinics, he added.

Meyer pointed out the Van Nuys Lodge will not hold its regular meeting on Thursday night due to the Santa Barbara convention.

Silver Dollar Sale Set in Reseda Area

Only four days remain until "SD" Day.

Yes, Thursday marks the opening of Silver Dollar Days in Reseda. The three-day event will be one of the biggest saving events of the year.

Bargains for Kids

Sponsored by the Retail Merchants Division of the Reseda Chamber of Commerce, Silver Dollar Days will feature low prices on merchandise of all types, including clothing, household appliances, garden equipment, gift items and automobile supplies.

Values in children's apparel will be especially prominent during the sale days, with reduced prices on dresses and jeans, shoes and socks, shirts and blouses and all other items of clothing designed to round out the children's school wardrobe.

Savings Promised

Fine wearing apparel bargains also will be available for the grownups.

No matter what you have to buy or who you have to buy for, you'll be able to find everything in Reseda—and at substantial savings — during Silver Dollar Days Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

BOY 17 HURT; CAR HITS PARKED AUTO

A 17-year-old boy received a cut temple and nose and a possible fractured nose when the auto he was driving collided with a parked car early Friday on Louise Ave. north of San Fernando Mission Blvd., police reports disclose.

Treated at Northridge Receiving Hospital was Frederick Scott Darrow of 17160 Kalisher St. The parked car belonged to Mable Bendzick 42, of 11100 Louise Ave., the report said.

Burglars Get $800, $1000 in Jewelry

Burglars broke into the Valley Economy Mart, a furniture store at 9007 Lankershim Blvd., and stole $800 in cash and $1000 in jewelry, police were told.

A rear door was broken open and the money taken from the cash drawer after it was pried open. The jewelry was stolen from in a desk in the office after a drawer was forced open.

Lions Open Drive

Canoga Park Lions Club today had announced that this will be membership month, and members are urged to contact all potential members.

Enrollment at City Schools Hits 566,027

Los Angeles City school enrollment now stands at 566,027 and is expected to reach 575,000 by Oct. 11.

There are 49,577 students on half-day sessions. This figure will be lowered when several strike-slowed schools open by Thanksgiving, states Associated Superintendent Jack P. Crowther.

Two Ventura Freeway Sections Scheduled to Open in January

CHECK for $2028 to help benefit fund will be presented to California Elks Association by Elmer H. Meyer.

BIKE, PEDAL CAR COLLIDE; BOY 3 HURT

They were small vehicles but big enough to send a rider to the hospital when they crashed.

Dumped onto a paved alley was David Rains 3, of 11439 Monogram St., when his little pedal car and a bicycle collided. He was taken to Valley Receiving Hospital with a cut on the back of the head and abrasions of the nose and lip, the report shows.

Police said the accident occurred when the bicycle ridden by Dan Hale 10, of 16538 Kalisher St., collided with the small car as he followed it down an alley north of Kalisher St. and west of Monogram Ave.

VERNON JANNEY IS NAMED

Theodore Roosevelt Group Starts Observance Plans

Superior Judge Roger Alton Pfaff today had accepted appointment as state chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Committee of California.

The formation of the California committee occurred during the recent visit to California of Hermann Hagedorn, secretary and director of the National Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission, which was established by act of Congress in 1955.

VERNON W. JANNEY
Serves as Secretary

Name Local Officers

The Theodore Roosevelt Centennial year commences Oct. 27, the anniversary of the former President's 99th birth date. The national commission is chairmaned by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, with Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming as vice chairman.

Judge Pfaff named Judge Stanley Barnes of the United State Circuit Court of Appeals as vice chairman of the California committee. Clarence S. Beesemyer was named treasurer and Vernon W. Janney of Sherman Oaks, secretary.

Committeemen Listed

The executive committee is composed of Robert Fenton Craig, Los Angeles; Earl J. Fenston, Fresno; Harry L. Foster, San Diego; Lewis K. Gough, Pasadena; Mrs. Leiland Atherton Irish, Hollywood; George Killion, San Francisco; Dr. Mabel E. Kinney, Los Angeles; Dwight H. Murray MD, Napa; Kenneth W. Newart, Newport Beach.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz USN, of Berkeley; Dr. John W. Reith, Los Angeles; Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, Arcata; Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, Berkeley; Carl F. Wente, San Francisco and Loyd Wright, Beverly Hills.

Activate Many Groups

"The Theodore Roosevelt Centennial observance will focus attention upon the words and deeds of this great champion and exemplar of the principles of free government, who has been described as "the greatest teacher of the essentials of popular self-government the world has ever known'," said Judge Pfaff.

"Primary activities of the California committee will be at the local community level directed by county and city chairmen. The cooperation and support of all community groups will be enlisted—patriotic, fraternal, veterans, civic, religious, service clubs, women's organizations and education institutions."

Information Available

Judge Pfaff requested persons interested in participating in the centennial observance to write to Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Committee, 448 Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, giving full name, address, occupation and telephone number.

Driver, Passenger Hurt in Accident; Face Drunk Count

A young driver was arrested early yesterday on suspicion of drunk driving felony and his passenger was booked on a drunk charge after their speeding auto ran off San Fernando Road at Vaughn St. and hit a power pole, police reported.

The driver Joseph Garcia Tapia 19, of 1208 Hollister St., was treated at Sun Valley Receiving Hospital for a cut and bruised knee with a possible fracture of the knee.

His passenger, Tomas E. Carlon 17, of 1345 Kewen St., also was treated at the hospital for an abrasion of the elbow, arm, and both hands and a cut scalp.

Columbus Day Slated Oct. 12

Citizens of Los Angeles have been urged to observe Oct. 12 as Columbus Day.

Special civic ceremonies will be conducted at 11 a.m. on the steps of City Hall.

Columbus Day will be the 465th anniversary of the discovery of America.

Pilot Bails Out as Jet Crashes

Lt. Richard P. Spreier 23, of Laguna Beach, was picked up in the hills 10 miles east of El Toro Marine Air Station on Friday after ejecting himself from his crippled jet fighter plane.

The aircraft was believed to have crashed into the sea.

Some Peak Hour Relief Is Expected

Other Road Portions Ready Later in 1958

By WAIN SUTTON

The thousands of motorists who inch along Ventura Blvd. on their way to work in the morning and endure similar agony en route home in the evening, merchants who suffer from traffic problems during the day, parents taking their children to and from school and all bus drivers who must drag painfully along the thoroughfare as they perform the same function for other people's children—

All these are given hope of at least a small degree of quick relief by engineers of the California State Division of Highways.

First to Open Jan. 9

Actual opening dates for some segments of the Ventura Freway can now be "approximately fixed," they said.

Two of these are in January. The others are later in the year.

Of the four major portions of the new freeway now under construction at a total estimated cost of $18,141,000, the first to open will be that which runs from a point just east of Lankershim Blvd. to a point north of Moorpark St.

This segment is 1.6 miles long—and it will open about Jan. 9, 1958. Short as it is, the engineers pointed out it will "route off" congested streets some of the morning's and night's heaviest to-and-from-Hollywood Freeway traffic.

About 80% complete as of now, this section is costing taxpayers about $2,325,000.

Next Opens Jan. 22

The next segment to open is the four- mile stretch lying between Kelvin Ave. and a point two miles west of Calabasas.

This is expected to open Jan. 22. It is now 75% complete. Its estimated cost is $3,600,000.

The biggest of the four projects, the Sepulveda-Ventura-San Diego Freeways' in-

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Comment by the Editor

By Frank P. Clarkson

A remarkable display of pistols and firearms is shown in the window of the California Bank at Van Nuys this week through the courtesy of Col. E. E. Fuller, U. S. Army, retired. There are many strange weapons in the exhibit, several of which one never before heard of, including, for instance, a pistol with a bayonet which folds alongside. What a story they could tell, is a newspaper man's reaction when he sees them. * * * C. W. Lowder, for many years a faithful employe of the writer of this column when we ran a newspaper in Iowa, sends us a copy of the Ida Grove Pioneer Record which relates that on February 12th tulips began coming through the ground on the south side of buildings in that city. Yes, "Harry", we know, but we are laying 8 to 5 that before this time they have had their pretty noses frost bitten. Iowa is a great old state, even if they do have to hole up like a bear for about 90 days every winter. * * * A friend of ours, a very gracious and charming lady who did not always have to watch her pennies so carefully, was telling us Sunday how she saves quite a bit each month by buying her vegetables in quantities and burying them in the ground. For instance, she buys a crate of celery at a time, gets it at a bargain price, and when buried under a few inches of earth it keeps fresh and crisp for many weeks if need be. Reminds us of when our good old mother used to do the same thing in Des Moines. We raised great quantities of celery in our back yard there and every fall, before the frost came, [illegible] was dug in the earth. The freshly dug celery was then packed away in this cave, the stalks standing on end and very close together with a few inches of earth thrown over the layer when it was finished. * * * A beautiful rosy-cheeked girl with blue eyes standing at one side in the post office reading a letter, and just one glance and we did not have to be told that it was a missive from her sweetheart. Her eyes fairly sparkled as she momentarily stopped reading to look off in the distance and sigh.

Youth and love, the greatest pair in the world, and what wouldn't you give to be standing in the corner of the post office reading one of those love letters that came to you when you were 19.

The Japanese cherry trees to be planted on the grounds of the Woman's Club at Canoga Park on the occasion of the Arbor Day program being arranged for March 7th, will be donated by the Japanese consul in Los Angeles and in honor of the planting the Japanese of the district will present a colorful pageant. This will be just one feature being arranged by this thriving little city. The City Forestry Department is making a survey to determine what type of trees are most advisable, and various organizations are contributing funds for the purchase of nursery stock, while the park board will also donate a number of trees. Canoga Park will reap the dividends from its enterprise a few years hence in the form of beautiful trees, and the rest of the valley will regret it if this fine example does not become a precedent for the rest of us.

A race to see who can plant the most cherry trees is much more in keeping with the spirit of our people than a race to see who can build the most battleships.

Valley Tunnel Depends on Court Rule

GRIFFITH PARK BORES AWAIT WESTLAKE TEST CASE

Has City the Right to Cross or Tunnel Under Any Park

IS NEW RULING

Important Point Is Now Before the Supreme Court

That the long-discussed tunnels under Griffith Park connecting San Fernando Valley with Hollywood by way of a three-headed bore that will extend to Bronson, Western and Vermont avenues, is somewhat contingent upon the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the extension of Wilshire boulevard through Westlake Park, was revealed when City Council filed without prejudice the report of its bridges, tunnels and viaduct committee on the valley tunnel project.

The Westlake case involves the right of the city to extend a boulevard through or under a city park, and it is stated that when the [illegible] geles in March briefs in this case will be filed though a decision is not anticipated at this time.

March 12th was set as the date for hearing protests against confirmation of assessment for lighting the Tujunga avenue and Sarah street district.

A petition from A. A. VanWinkle and other residents near Tujunga Wash on Riverside and Vineland asking protection against further damage from storm waters was referred to the city engineer and the public works committee.

WAS 50 BELOW ZERO WHERE LANZ LIVED

Warren Lanz, Van Nuys insurance man, has a paper from Utica, New York, his old home town, telling of a temperature of 33 degrees below zero there on February 9 while at Forestport, New York, where Mr. Lanz used to spend his summers the mercury slipped down to 50 below zero. The paper told of a dairy plant being frozen up solid, of garagemen being unable to meet the calls for stalled motors, and of one plumber having 71 calls in one morning.

Car Strikes Pole When Two Ladies Reach for Baby

Mary Thorpe, 7438 Vassar avenue, struck a light pole on Saticoy street Monday morning when both she and her passenger, Georgia Nell Thomason of 6851 Topango avenue, reached for the baby which started to fall from the front seat where it was riding.

J. W. FLINT NAMED LEADER

J. W. Flint was elected to fill the vacant office of Sunday School superintendent at Chatsworth.

NEW BOOK BY VALLEY AUTHOR TO BE FILMED

Colin Clements, author, and his gifted wife, Florence Ryerson, who recently purchased the home 10 acres of the old Workman Ranch on Vanowen just west of Shoup avenue because of the beautiful trees on the place, and plan to remodel the ranch house and landscape the grounds, have just been informed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer that their book "Mild Oats" has been accepted for a film play. Jane Jones and Chump Edwards, heroes of "Mild Oats," represent healthy and active American youths, and these characters were first introduced in a previous work by the authors, "This Awful Age" which was a big success.

TOM ENDICOTT SHIPS STAGE COACH TO ATLANTIC CITY

Tom P. Endicott of Granada, famous for his prize poultry that has won hundreds of blue ribbons at shows in all parts of the country, loaded an old fashioned stage coach at North Los Angeles for shipment to Atlantic City where he is estblishing a Dude Ranch on the famous boardwalk.

Mr. Endicott owns valuable property there that has been in [illegible] for two generations and plans to dispose of his fine place at Granada and go back east to manage his business this spring. He has gathered an immense amount of western curios to take back with him for his Dude Ranch and it is quite certain to become a famous feature of that great resort.

RAW CARROT DIET ENDS IN DIVORCE

Setting forth as one cause for divorce the fact that her husband insisted on her eating raw carrots and other food prescribed for his personal diet, Mrs. Vera A. Franklin of 4651 Tujunga avenue, North Hollywood, filed suit for divorce against Norman S. Franklin. They were married June 24, 1924, separated last May and have no children, the petition sets forth. A property settlement has been entered which she asks the court to approve.

Death Victim of Boys Xmas Rifle Was German Baron

The death certificate in the case of John Bilkau, 13, who died as the result of a bullet wound inflicted December 27th by Fred Kramer while the boys were hunting with a rifle that was a Christmas present, revealed that he was a German baron, and his mother the Countess Erna Bilkau

Report Many Gold Camps Busy Within One Mile Radius

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young of North Hollywood who have just returned from their desert claim near Blythe where they have been mining, report that within a few miles of Blythe there are 45 mining camps within a radius of one mile. They also report that one prospector secured enough gold in 90 days to buy a new car.

KILLED CRANKING HIS CAR

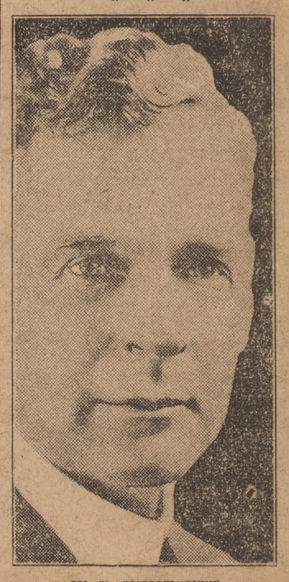
Elmer G. Ambrose, 43, of North Hollywood was killed when he cranked his car at East 74th and Alameda streets, with the engine in gear and the machine ran over and crushed him.

IS STATE WARRANT CLERK

Miss Rosemary Smock, warrant clerk for the state of Indiana, formerly a resident of Van Nuys, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Oliver Smock, for a few days while on a month's vacation in California.

VAN NUYS DOFFS ITS HAT TO ITS FOUNDERS

They Transformed Wheat Field Into a City



W. P. WHITSETT
Founder of Van Nuys in 1911

Starting with a luncheon served today noon at the Woman's Club a memorable program sponsored by the Van Nuys Kiwanis Club was staged in celebration of Old Timers and Founders Day paying great deference and honor to W. P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys; Harry Chandler of The Times, sole survivor of the syndicate that opened and developed the Suburban Homes tract of which Van Nuys is a part; D. W. Pontius who was in charge of the construction of the inter-urban system extending to and across the valley; William Mulholland whose vision and genius brought water to the valley; and dozens of others who contributed of their means and their toil to make of this valley the prize garden spot of America.

Immediately after a formal program of speeches and introductions an informal reception and reunion of old-time citizens was held. The names of the members of this reception committee really tell much of the history of the growth and development of Van Nuys. Their history is the history of Van Nuys: Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Praiswater, Mrs. Ida Bailey, Mrs. Sarah E. Kellogg, Mrs. Nan Bailey, Mrs. Howard S. Trotter, Mrs. C. I. Thacker, Mrs. O. B. Hubbell, Mrs. C. H. Steere, Mrs. Carl Barkla, Mrs. S. O. Houghton and Mrs. Bert R. Holloway.

One of the most interesting features of the day was the display of old time photographs, newspapers and relics of the early day as gathered during the past few weeks by Dr. C. B. Canby, pioneer Van Nuys physician who headed the celebration committee and had for his associates Frank M. Keffer, Mark Sutton and Walter Mendenhall.

Among the specially invited guests of the day were John Steven McGroarty and Harry Carr, pioneer newspaper men who were closely associated with the early development of the valley. There were prominent pioneer citizens present from every section of the valley, and many old time residents came from a considerable distance in order to be present.

Plan Huge Conduit From Mouth of Haynes Canyon

Chief Engineer Eaton of the County Flood Control asked for the allocation of $50,000 remaining from the construction of check dams and its expenditure for the construction of a concrete conduit from Haynes Canyon through the city of Tujunga. This conduit in big storms would carry part of the overflow of debris from the basin at the mouth of the Canyon and would protect San Fernando Valley as well as Tujunga.

OIL SCOUTS LOOKING OVER CHATSWORTH

Following gas showings in a well drilled near Chatsworth by the Willard Oil Co., scouts of several major oil companies are reported looking over the district with a view to determine if a deeper test would develop anything worth while.

Willard Oil Co. owns 250 acres near Chatsworth and drilled a wildcat to 1900 feet with gas showings at 1597 and at bottom of hole. This project is near acreage prospected by the Superior Oil Co., while other leases are controlled by W. W. Orcutt and Chester Brown, Los Angeles oil men.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Democratic Council, composed of twenty-two clubs, will hold their quarterly meeting at the Porter Hotel, San Fernando, tomorrow night.

USE STREET CAR FOR CAFE

W. E. Ranahan of 7408 Woodley submitted plans to the building department for using an old street car as a lunch room.

IS THEIR 16TH CHILD

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Valesquez, 14931 Delano Sunday is their 16th child.

PRIVATE PROPERTY USED FOR YEARS AS CITY STREET

It develops that although Tujunga avenue is one of the principal north and south streets in the valley and has been so used for a number of years, it has not been deeded its full width to the city. A strip approximately 15 feet wide on the west side of the roadway near Valley Spring Lane in the No. Hollywood district, has been held in private ownership all these years.

The Mortgage Insurance Co., and Ella M. R. Thomas, have offered to deed the strip to the city and the real estate agent for the city has been instructed to secure the necessary signatures to deeds.

Tujunga avenue has been much in the spotlight as it was only recently that the city abandoned an almost useless link that extended across property owned by a gravel company.

AIR MAIL EAST

Letters mailed here before 2 o'clock will reach Chicago by air mail the next day at 1:50 p. m. under the new schedule with the army carrying the mail.

OLYMPIC MEDAL STOLEN

Key Muyamoto, 9985 Beasley street, Pacoima, reported to police that an Olympic Games medal for wrestling and $13 in cash were stolen from his home.

DOLLAR DAY SATURDAY

The merchants of Van Nuys are holding a Dolar Day Saturday and thrifty housewives throughout the valley will find that a similar event in the metropolitan district will offer then no better bargains, either in quality of goods or in prices. Spend your dollars in the valley.

VAN NUYS TURNS THE CALENDAR BACK JUST 22 YEARS

Old Timers Meet to Duly Celebrate Founders Day

MADE HISTORY

"I Remember When" On Tip of Every Tongue Today

Van Nuys turned back the calendar 22 years today and at a memorable event held in the Woman's Club scores of old time citizens, many of whom were present at the opening of the townsite, February 22, 1911, met in joyous reunion with leading citizens from all the Southland as well as from this city and valley doing them honor.

There were many interesting stories told of pioneer days, of somehow managing to get along with what came to hand, of slowly but surely building, of bold chances taken and of opportunities missed. The most repeated story was that of "I remember when I could have bought the So and So [illegible]

The somewhat informal nature of the gathering was its greatest charm, and the best stories told were those that were passed in little groups of old friends. There was a lot of history told here today and if it could have been electrically transcribed, as they say on the radio, future generations would never lack for a great program feature on anniversary days in years to come. And why could not such a record be made at the anniversary next year, someone suggested.

The day opened with the luncheon at noon followed by a program of music and short talks and then just an informal reception and intermingling of guests.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club the celebration was the most interesting and enjoyable public event ever held in Van Nuys.

FRACTURED SKULL ENDS IN HIS DEATH

Arch B. McKinney, 50, of 6118 Colfax avenue, North Holywood, died at the Los Angeles General Hospital yesterday morning as the result of injuries received in a collision between the automobile he was driving and that driven by Andrew Grennel, 2208 W. Pico, at the intersection of Pendleton and Lankershim boulevard Tuesday evening. Mr. McKinney received a fractured skull and was first taken to the Van Nuys Receiving Hospital.

SON SAVES FATHER IN GAS FILLED GARAGE

Howard E. Gasper, 35, of 5217 Diaz avenue, was rescued from certain death when his son, Howard junior, dragged him out of the garage and rushed him to the General Hospital. The son told police his father had connected a garden hose to the exhaust and had his car running in the garage. The man was desperate because he had long been out of work, it was reported.

TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION

At an open meeting of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association to be held at the Porter Hotel in San Fernando this evening, opening within a dinner at 6:30, Gordon Whitnall of the city planning commission will tell of the proposed consolidation of the city and county.

MAE WEST GIVES IN TO CHARMS OF THE VALLEY

Mae West, stage and screen actress who took the country by storm last year and made a fortune with two shakes of her hips and a few short, crisp sentences, has fallen for the lure of San Fernando Valley and has purchased the beautiful two story Shaw residence and estate on Magnolia boulevard, the second house east of Fulton.

A number of other stars of the stage and screen have either purchased property or are considering purchases on this boulevard, and one Hollywood real estate man yesterday stated that he is devoting his entire time to that one thoroughfare and his prospective home seekers in the movie world.

WILL ASKED THAT NO COFFIN BE USED AT HER FUNERAL

The will of the late Mrs. Marian Post Hartman of Sherman Oaks who died January 8th, made a request for an unusual funeral service as follows: "I direct that the services regarding my demise be conducted as simple and economically as possible; that my body be wrapped in linen and then cremated and that there be held no [illegible] be used."

A residence at 14209 Greenleaf street, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, valued at $5000 is the main item of real property in the estate.

The petition states that Jane Ashley Friesner of Santa Ana has refused to administer the estate, although she was named executrix in the will. She is one of the beneficiaries of the will. The petitioner, William F. Hartman, husband, asks the court to appoint him executor.

DOG POISONER MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE

Louis E. Myers, 10866 Fruitland drive, reported to police that his dog was poisoned for the second time in two weeks and died. The first time the animal was saved by a veterinary, but the second time the dose of strychnine was so heavy that the inhuman fiend who set out the poison accomplished his objective. There is talk among the neighbors of making things so disagreeable for the poisoner that this undesirable citizen will leave the valley.

RE-ORGANIZED CHAMBER HAS 60 MEMBERS ENROLLED

Two Possible Sites for Proposed Park Are Discussed

FOLDER PLANNED

New Move is Made to Protect the Valley Bean Growers

Receiving gratifying news of 60 members enrolled during the present campaign, the board of directors of the newly re-organized Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night made preliminary overtures toward a celebration to be held upon the completion of the Van Nuys boulevard improvement, discussed possible locations for a park in Van Nuys, determined to publish a map and folder advertising the city and broached a number of other important items on a comprehensive program which has been outlined for the year.

With H. E. Cox & Son, contractors, now at work with a large crew on the widening and paving of Van Nuys boulevard, it was determined to hold some sort of a celebration to mark the completion of this important project. Whether the celebration will [illegible] held on a Saturday or Sunday w[illegible] be determined later. Some b[illegible] iness men have said that [illegible] events on Saturday always in[illegible] rupt business. They bring in large crowds but the people do little shopping.

Morry Gaylen was elected treasurer. As chairman of the membership committee he has made excellent progress, and yesterday devoted his entire day to it.

It was stated that beans in quantity were being shipped into the state from Colorado, and it was determined to take the matter up with Congressman Evans, the opinion being expressed that all beans consumed in California should be raised in California.

It was determined that all inquiries in regard to real estate should be acknowledged by Mrs. Ann Alexander, secretary, and then turned over to a member of the real estate board.

Getting out a map and folder for Van Nuys was discussed but no action taken.

Possible park sites were brought up, one site suggested being on Van Nuys boulevard near the ball park and the other on Kester.

The planting of trees on the parkways came up, and an effort will be made to tie in with the park program.

DEMOCRATS OUT TO DEFEAT CONG. EVANS

District Council Will Meet On Friday Night

More than pleased with the close race Hadley gave Congressman W. E. Evans the last time and quite confident of defeating the Republican incumbent this year, the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Council holds its regular monthly meeting at the Porter Hotel in San Fernando tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Eminent Southern California speakers will be present, and Dr. Z. T. Malaby of Pasadena, president of the Council, will be in the charge. Douglas Forsythe, attorney of Glendale, who is secretary, forecasts a meeting of more than average interest.

The Council is composed of duly accredited representatives from some 25 Democratic clubs out of a possible 30 in the district.

Democratic clubs of San Fernando are hosts upon this occasion and a lively constructive and instructive evening is promised. The public is cordially invited.

THE STORY OF THE FOUNDING OF VAN NUYS

W. P. Whitsett Bought Square Mile for Site

In September 1909 Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times optioned 47,500 acres of the San Fernando Valley, bounded on the north by what is now Roscoe street, on the east by what is now Whitsett avenue, on the west by the present city limits, and on the south by approximately the crest of the hills. The purchase price was $2,500,000.

The improvements consisted of six groups of ranch buildings only. The balance of the immense tract was either in grain fields or brush and cactus. Chandler associated with himself Gen. H. G. Otis, Gen. M. H. Sherman, H. J. Whitley and O. F. Brant, under the name of Los Angeles Suburban Homes Co.

In 1910 they made a contract for building what is now Chandler boulevard, Van Nuys boulevard, Sherman Way, and Shoup avenue, for $600,000—the largest single road contract made in the state up to that time. They negotiated for the extension of the Pacific Electric Company railway as now located, during that year.

W. P. Whitsett bought a square mile of that unimproved acreage and founded the town of Van Nuys on February 22, 1911, and in 1913, 1914 and 1915 he purchased and developed approximately 2000 acres of additional land, all of which are now a part of the Van Nuys community.

Mr. Whitsett gave the land outright for the first block of store buildings, now located on the west side of Van Nuys boulevard between Sylvan and Erwin streets. The land was donated for the telephone exchange building, for the electric company building, and subsidies in land and money were given for the establishment of the first bank and the first newspaper.

The land was given outright for the Pacific Electric depot and buildings were erected at cost for many of the first business houses.

After transportation, schools received first consideration and large tracts desirably located were given for the erection of school buildings of a modern type. Land and money were subscribed for the establishment of the first churches, without regard to denominationalism.

The first newspaper in Van Nuys was named The Call and was owned and edited by a man named Elkins.

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SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Club and Social Activities of the San Fernando Valley

Noted Lecturer and Baritone Will Give Oregon History

Interspersing his lecture with songs, John Clair Monteith, noted lecturer and baritone, will feature the regular meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club next Wednesday. A one o'clock luncheon will open the session.

The $3500 improvement program for the clubhouse, which was discussed at the meeting last week, will be voted upon during the business period under the direction of Mrs. John W. Praiswater.

Mr. Monteith, who has appeared up and down the coast, will speak on "Oregon Trails". He wears an Indian costume and sings Indian songs. His talk is of historical nature and promises to provide one of the best of the many brilliant programs that have been given during the club year under the direction of Mrs. Maurice W. Markham.

To give the proper atmosphere, Mrs. Francine Lane is using an Indian theme in her decorations. An interesting collection of painted gourds, Indian rugs and blankets, arrow heads, woven baskets and even a ceremonial drum will be shown. Cactus blossoms will complete the effect.

Mrs. Hattie Rathbun is heading the luncheon committee. Reservations should be made with Mrs. John Livingston, Van Nuys 1744.

For the Reciprocity Day program, on March 14, which will feature drama and music, the Drama Workshop is commencing work on "The Rostofl Pearls", a play with a society background.

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ENCINO WOMAN'S CLUB TO HAVE BUSY WEEK

The next week promises to be a busy one for the Encino Woman's Club. Mrs. C. W. Suman, president, announces the following meetings.

Mrs. A. G. Stepper, president of the Study Club, is entertaining her members at luncheon on Mon- During the meeting Mrs. will review, "Take the Christian who... the life of the late Earl Rogers, famous Los Angeles attorney and father of Adela Rogers St. John.

Tuesday the garden section will meet at the clubroom for a potluck luncheon with Mrs. R. F. Robinson in charge. The afternoon will be devoted to general discussion and to cleaning up the garden in front of the clubhouse.

On Thursday a demonstration benefit luncheon will be served at the clubroom promptly at 12:30. Mrs. Robinson is in charge of arranging the tables, decorations and service.

A special meeting was held by the sewing section Tuesday for the purpose of starting work on a new quilt. Mrs. Hudson Rich, chairman, was also in general charge of the potluck luncheon.

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SHERMAN OAKS CLUB PLANS BUSY SEASON

Because of the success of their Valentine dance, the Sherman Oaks Woman's Club is sponsoring another dance on March 10 at the Sherman Oaks Community Auditorium. Peterson's orchestra from Los Angeles, which was highly approved at the February affair, will again play the dance music.

An invitation has been extended to the Sherman Oaks Men's Club to meet jointly with the Woman's Club on March 7. A potluck supper will be served at 6:30, and a program will follow a short business meeting.

According to Mrs. Calvin W. Carpenter, president of the woman's organization, a tentative date of May 12 has been set for a spring carnival to be held at the Auditorium. The club's gypsy carnival last year was one of the outstanding successes of the summer season.

Today the ways and means committee of the club is holding a public George Washington desert bridge at the home of Mrs. Ora L. Stookey on Ventura boulevard.

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MICKIE MOUSE THEME FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Marjorie Jean Hackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hackett of Sylvan street, was hostess at a Mickie Mouse party celebrating her sixth birthday Sunday afternoon.

Centering the table was a decorated birthday cake gleaming with the light from six red candles with a Mickie and Minnie Mouse standing at either side. Red and green cats marked the places, and the nut cups were also in red and green. Favors were chocolate Mickie and Minnie mice. Ice cream, birthday cake, animal cookies and candy were served.

Balloons were also given the guests, and games included pinning on Mickie's tail. The little hostess was showered with lovely gifts commemorating the occasion.

Guests were Stanley True, Howard Dean Widdell, Patsy Ruth Bone, Beverly Ruppers, Norman Gene and Shirley Mae Moulder, Joanne and Jackie Dillon, Mar- [illegible] Webb, [illegible] Joyce Atkinson, [illegible] Billie Bolander, Duaine and Richard Wright, Veda Lockridge, Jerry and Coline Harp, Gwendolyn Prince, Bobbie Segner, Joanne Woods, and the honoree's sister, Nancy Ellen Hackett.

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ST. PATRICK CARD PARTY SLATED AT ALLEN HOME

A St. Patrick card party is being sponsored by the Van Nuys American Legion Auxiliary on March 2 at the home of Mrs. Isabel Allen, 14447 Greenleaf street, beginning at 8 o'clock. The affair is open to the public.

Exceptionally nice prizes will be awarded, according to the committee in charge. Tables will be arranged for auction and contract bridge, but if the guests desire, 500 and other games may be included. Refreshments will be served. Tallies, decorations and appointments for the supper will be in the St. Patrick motif.

Assisting Mrs. Allen will be Mrs. Melba Walker, Mrs. Esther Goettling, Mrs. Minnie White, Mrs. Mabel Callens and Mrs. Jean Boecker, all of Sherman Oaks.

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PUBLIC CARD PARTY IN SHERMAN OAKS TONITE

A Washington card party will be given tonight at the Sherman Oaks Community Auditorium, 4402 Van Nuys boulevard, by the Red Men and Pocahontas organizations of Van Nuys. Prizes will be awarded for both bridge and five hundred. A musical program will be given, and refreshments will be served. The event is open to the public.

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BURBANK JUNIORS TO BE ENTERTAINED HERE

Telling her experiences as judge of the night court, Judge Oda Faulconer will be the speaker of the evening when the Van Nuys Junior Woman's Club entertains the Burbank Juniors Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club. A potluck dinner will open the session at 7 o'clock.

A musical program will be given by Mrs. Francine Lane, soloist, with Mrs. Minnie Wetzstein at the piano.

Local Actresses to Vie With Fox Studio Starlets and Other Artists at Drama Tea

Promising to be one of the most charming and unusual of social events, the Studio Tea, sponsored by the Drama Workshop, will be given at the Van Nuys Woman's Club tomorrow afternoon. According to Mrs. A. G. Cooper, director of the workshop, ticket sale for the affair is progressing splendidly.

One of the highlights of the afternoon will be the presentation of the "Blue Ribbon Hat" by members of the drama section. The scene is laid in a boarding house with the plot revolving around the simple blue hat of the little country girl—Sallie Walleck. Mrs. Leland Spates is cast in a character part as the Irish lady. Mrs. Harold Laub plays an actress—"down on her luck". Mrs. Paul Peterson is seen in the role of the prim boarding house assistant.

Two starlets of the Fox Film Studios, little Shirley Temple and James Baxter, will entertain with dances and songs. Accompanying them will be Lillian Bartley, head of the studio's school, who will tell a little of her work with the talented youngsters. Mrs. Charles Guild, head of the motion pictures and radio section of the Woman's Club, arranged for their appearance.

Mrs. Helen Warfield Wenger, a member of the Beverly Hills Community Players, will present a group of pianologues. Mrs. Wenger formerly gave pianologues profesisonally and is well known for her ability.

An unique arrangement of songs and dances will be given by Betty Jane Brockmiller, clever granddaughter of Mrs. A. Swan Wickstrom, who is a student at the Eagle Rock Academy.

Assisting Mrs. T. J. Morris at the tea table will be Mrs. Harold Neithart. The Fox Films are sending flowers for the event, and Mrs. Francine Lane will direct the decoration committee.

GIRL SCOUTS TO GIVE PROGRAM FOR AUXILIARY

All troops of Van Nuys Girl Scouts will appear on the program when Mrs. Lillian Stretch, Americanism chairman, is in charge of the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Van Nuys Woman's Clubhouse next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Kaeding, past department president, will be the speaker of the evening. The Girl Scouts' program will include a skit.

Girl Scouts have been competing in an essay contest, "What the Declaration of Independence Means to Young America," and the medal will be awarded to the winner on that night. Judges in the contest are Miss Sterling, Mrs. Harriette Catterlin and Mrs. Nina Thompson.

Troop 60, which is sponsored by the Auxiliary, will be presented with their flag during the program.

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BRIDGE PARTY FOLLOWS DINNER AT COFFEE SHOP

[illegible] ish Coffee Shop, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cornwell of Kester avenue were hosts at a bridge party, Saturday evening. Yellow acacia blossoms made a pretty setting. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Laura Gleason, Mrs. Beckie Anderson, Mrs. Roland Rapier and W. B. Sipple.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redfern, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. True, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sipple, Mrs. Marie Huntley, Mr. C. R. Walleck, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Rapier, Leslie Taylor and Clarence Columbus.

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GLEE CLUB PRACTISES FOR STATE CONVENTION

When the Reseda American Legion Post and Auxiliary holds a joint initiation at the Reseda Clubhouse next Tuesday evening, the Van Nuys Auxiliary Glee Club will take part on the program.

The Glee Club is practising now under the direction of Mrs. Harriette Catterlin for the state Legion convention to be held in San Francisco in August. Rehearsals are held on the first and third Mondays of every month and the second and fourth Tuesday.

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ROLAND KINGS HOSTS AT NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Roland King, formerly of Van Nuys, entertained over two hundred guests at a house warming party at their new home in Liemert Park in Los Angeles Sunday.

Those from Van Nuys, who later made up a theater party in Hollywood, were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. John Praiswater, Mr. and Mrs. George McCullough and Miss Lorene Sutton.

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POTLUCK LUNCH PRECEDES PARENT EDUCATION CLASS

"Child Moral Equipment and Development" was the subject of Mrs. R. A. Ferguson when the Parent Education class, sponsored by the Hazeltine avenue school P.-T. A., met at the home of Mrs. H. Fowler on Cantara street Thursday. A potluck lunch was served.

Those present were Mesdames T. M. Linebaugh, F. Francis, George Haas, W. T. Parkhurst and son, Bobbie, R. A. Ferguson, Rose Worley, Georgianna Skor, R. W. Mitchell, L. E. Davis, J. R. Smith, J. F. Hart, S. Grant, E. E. Williamson, L. D. Clark, L. Mueting, Edward Dee, A. B. Weaver, A. Clark, N. A. Stoley, Lloyd Merrill, G. H. Curtis and the hostess.

The group is planning another series of classes to carry on their study as Thursday's meeting was the conclusion of the winter series.

VAN NUYS WOMEN SEE CARRIE JACOBS BOND

Mrs. Charles Guild, motion picture and radio chairman of the Van Nuys Woman's Club, attended a motion picture conference at the Four Star Theater Friday morning. Her guest for the day was Mrs. C. R. Walleck.

Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish presided, and Mrs. Alice Evans Field gave her "Shoppers Guide to Better Motion Pictures", including the highlights of one of the most talked of pictures, "Queen Christina" with Greta Garbo which is now playing at the Chinese Theater.

The surprise of the day was the personal appearance of Carrie Jacobs Bond and the showing of the motion picture, "Roads of Melody", which tells her story from childhood days to her success. The picture is beautifully filmed, and Mrs. Bond, who is 71, wrote the scenario and the music and appears in the picture herself.

Through courtesy of the management, "Eskimo" was shown, and Mala, a native of Alaska, who has the leading role in the [illegible] MISS EILEEN SAINDON appeared in person. He wore native costume and spoke in his native tongue and English, telling the story of his country before the arrival of the white man. He shook hands with all those present. The film will be shown at the Van Nuys theater.

Among the outstanding pictures that have just been released or soon will be are "David Haram" with Will Rogers, "Carolina" with Janet Gaynor and Lionel Barrymore, "Coming Out Party," "It Happened One Night" with Clark Gable, "Cat and the Fiddle" with Ramon Novarro and Jeannette McDonald, and "Wonderbar" with Al Jolson, Kay Francis, Dolores Del Rio and Ricardo Cortez.

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MRS. A. V. AUSTIN ENTERTAINS COLLEGE CLUB

In her home on Valerio street Tuesday Mrs. A. V. Austin entertained members of the College Club at a daintily appointed luncheon. In the afternoon the group visited the Southwest Museum.

Covers were marked for Mrs. J. B. Mather, Mrs. Phebe Hubbell, Mrs. C. Hamilton Smith, Miss Isabel Ames, Mrs. C. I. Thacker, Mrs. Stanley Twomey, Mrs. W. J. Murray, Mrs. C. E. Angier, Mrs. Floyd N. High, Mrs. Leland S. Welbourn, Mrs. Emma C. Albright, Mrs. Fred Larson and Mrs. Arthur Robbins.

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P. T. A. BRIDGE PARTY SLATED FOR TOMORROW

A public bridge party will be given at the Van Nuys Woman's Club tomorrow evening by the High School P. T. A. Bridge play commences at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. Mrs. Elwell Smith is in charge of the event for which tickets are 25 cents.

Yesterday in co-operation with Principal Herbert S. Wood and high school teachers, the organization entertained mothers of B7 grade students at a tea in the school cafeteria. Problems of mothers with children just entering high school were discussed. This was the first of a series of affairs to be held for mothers of the various classes in the school.

Mrs. A. Amundson, membership chairman, wishes all parents not already members of the P. T. A. to get in touch with her or send their dues (25 cents) to the school if they wish to join.

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PINK VALENTINE HEART FOR PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER

Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Virginia Dunham on Victory boulevard the Van Nuys Job's Daughters honored their past queen, Miss Viola Hocker, bride-elect of March, with a kitchen shower.

Reverting to childhood pleasures, the guests cut out figures and scenes from magazines to illustrate a scrap book depicting the next few months for the honoree. The gifts were placed under a huge pink heart fashioned of crepe paper with Japanese peach blossoms rising from the center.

Those present were Mrs. William Wood, Mrs. George McCullough, Mrs. H. A. Hocker, and Misses Nina Pearl Rudolph, Margaret Mountford, Jonnie Phoebe Davis, Eleanor Broyles, Margaret Inlow, Dora Oltmann, Jeannie Clinton, Dorothy Bailey, Rae Davis, Dorothy Nichols, Lois Lawrence, Martha Drummond, Lida Livingston and the honoree.

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OFFICIAL RECEPTION GIVEN GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Mrs. Edna C. Carr, guardian of [illegible] was in general charge of the delicious turkey diner served by the Mother's Club last night at the Masonic Hall when the Royal Arch Masons were hosts to chapters of the district at a reception honoring the Grand High Priest, Claudius A. Marckley.

John P. Harding, High Priest of Van Nuys Chapter, presided. Jehiel Davis, program chairman, presented the entertainers. Pupils of John Pratt and Gertrude Allington of the Sherwood Music School who gave a musical group were Bette Richards, concert pianist; Virginia Webster, lyric soprano, and Karl Pendergraft, basso cantante. Mrs. Frank Conkey of the Natalia Haraszthy Studio of Dancing presented two dance numbers and a comedy sketch. Donald Sykes and Stanley Badmaker played accordion and banjo duets, and Eleanor Marek, pupil of the Muriel Stuart Dancing School, presented a dance number.

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JUNIOR AUXILIARY HONORS ST. VALENTINE

Honoring St. Valentine, members of the Van Nuys Junior American Legion Auxiliary unit held a pretty party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Philip Gilbertson, Saturday afternoon.

The twelve members of the organization each invited one guest and their patronesses, Mrs. Gilbertson, Mrs. Ethel McChesney and Mrs. Robert L. Hanley, to attend the event.

Streamers of hearts decorated the rooms and were used in a guessing contest won by little Joan Pogue.

Barbara Thompson won the prize in working puzzles. Apple bobbing and dancing were included in the afternoon's features.

The Valentine motif was used in delicious refreshments which consisted of gelatin fruit salad in heart molds, tiny sandwiches and angel food cakes.

Barbara Hanley was in charge of preparing the refreshments, and Marie Hanley arranged the entertainment.

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HERBERT LONGLEYS HOSTS AT BRIDGE PARTY

A Valentine theme in the bridge tallies and flowers made a pretty effect when Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Longley entertained with a bridge party and late supper at their home on Kester avenue Saturday evening. Bridge prizes were awarded to Mrs. Keith Bishop, Miss Martha Jean Scott, John D. Praiswater and Eugene L. Petty.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Santa Monica, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. George McCullough, Miss Lorene Sutton, Miss Adah Van Bebber, Miss Martha Jean Scott, Kelly Thorpe, Eugene L. Petty and Ross Jones.

MONTHLY SOCIALS ABANDONED DURING LENT

Due to the observance of the Lenten season, the Junior and Senior Walther Leagues of the First Evangelical Lutheran church of Van Nuys are not holding their monthly socials during February and March. Instead they are taking this opportunity of increasing their educational and hospice activities.

John Haase, who has been the hospice chairman for the past two years, and under whose direction the extension hospice work of the society has ben accomplished, is planning "Hospice Night" for tomorrow evening. This event is not planned for the Senior society alone, but special invitations are issued to the Junior league as well as friends of the members. The evening will be spent in theme of a Hospice Tour, a continuous progressive journey of hospice activities, with "stopovers" at the various divisions of the work.

The Hospice Committee consisting of Mrs. Sten Anderson and Otto Friday together with Mr. Haase are not only in charge of welcome and hospitality in the local group, but form an active portion of the Los Angeles Hospice Home. This Hospice, located at 2810 28th Street, is maintained by the combined Walther Leagues of Southern California and provides Christian lodging for those wishing a permanent home as well as for transient Walther Leaguers.

The Educational Committee of the Van Nuys League, under the leadership of Ernest Brunkhorst is at present planning for the local oratorical contest to be held March 23 at the church hall. Already four members have expressed their desire to participate, and enthusiasm is running high. The success of this annual contest has encouraged the first of the short story and poetry contests of the local chapter. These additional branches will be included in the program of that evening.

The winning orator will participate in the Southern California contest at Orange, May 6, at which time the Southern California representative to the International contest at Omaha will be chosen.

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SEVENTY DANCED AND PLAYED AT BOWLING GREEN RANCH

By the number of parties that have been held recently at the Bowling Green Ranch, it is evident that valley residents appreciate having an unusual and appropriate place in which to hold their dinner dances and out of town people are also realizing the charm of the place of which Mrs. Julia Bowling is the owner.

Saturday evening the Standard Oil company held a dinner dance there, with covers being laid for seventy guests. H. C. Brahm of Van Nuys arranged the party.

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VALLEY VISTA CLUB PLANS BUSY DAY

Thursday of next week brings a day full of delightful happenings for the ladies of the Valley Vista Woman's Club. At 10 a. m. the Garden Section will meet at the home of Mrs. Gladys Petersen, 10806 Hortense street, No. Hollywood, for another of those interesting study classes.

Luncheon will be served at the clubhouse, 12611 Vanowen street, at 12:30 noon, with Mrs. Blanche Home and Mrs. Margaret Strahl as hostesses. There will be a short business meeting at 2 p. m. followed by an educational talk on "Conservation Trees" by Mrs. J. M. Shackford of Hollywood.

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VAN NUYS CLUB CHORUS SINGS IN WESTWOOD

The Van Nuys Woman's Club Chorus, directed by Charles Guy Tingle, presented a one hour program at the Eastern Star Home in Westwood Sunday afternoon. In addition two other Van Nuys artists, Mrs. Harriette Cooper and Miss Patti Tingle, entertained. Miss Tingle played two piano solos and Mrs. Cooper gave a group of readings. Mrs. Richard Zarn is the music section chairman.

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PAST PRESIDENTS HONOR MRS. C. M. BEECHER

Past presidents of the Sepulveda Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. C. O. Aiton to honor Mrs. C. M. Beecher on her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Beecher is also a past president of the organization.

Mrs. A. E. Hartman, Americanization chairman, will be in charge of the program of the club meeting tomorrow.

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS SLATE SPRING DANCE

Plans are under way for a Spring Dance at the Van Nuys Woman's Club on March 24 under the sponsorship of the Van Nuys bethel of Job's Daughters. The Blue Melody Boys of Hollywood will play the dance rhythms. The affair will be open to the public.

At the meeting of the organization at the Masonic Hall Friday evening, Jeannie Clinton, Ella Virginia Clark and Martha Drummond were initiated into the order under the direction of the honored queen, Miss Nina Pearl [illegible] the business meeting a Valentine party was held in the banquet room, and a Valentine supper was served. Miss Virginia Dunham, junior princess, was in general charge.

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MRS. LEE PRATT ENTERTAINS AREME ALUMNI

Mrs. Lee Pratt (Alice Bell) entertained members of the Areme Alumni at a bridge dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Bell, Friday evening. Spring flowers in baskets and bowls were about the rooms, and the colors were repeated in the dainty tallies.

Covers were laid for eleven guests including Miss La Rue Thompson, formerly of Van Nuys, and Miss Yvonne Withers, president of the group.

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MRS. ANNA WALKER ENTERTAINS SEWING CLUB

A delicious potluck luncheon was served preceding the business meeting when the U. S. W. V. Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Anna Walker. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Mable Black at 5732 Cedros avenue.

Mrs. Etta Wilding called the meeting to order with members present being Mesdames Anna Walker, Mary Reppetoe, Maggie Cooke, Maude V. Towne, Etta Martindale, Catherine Reuhling, Grace Neal, Maria Burdette, Mable Black, Leda Phipps, Jessie Stettler, Agnes Martindale. Visitors were Mrs. Arletta Marrs and Mrs. Alvah Flinn.

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MRS. G. E. HEIMAN HOSTESS TO P. E. O.

Chapter FN of the P. E. O. met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. E. Heiman with Mrs. A. E. Phelps as co-hostess. The program included a talk on the educational fund by Mrs. Lucille Johnson, and one about Cotty College by Mrs. Wiley Shannon.

The next meeting of the organization will be at the home of Mrs. Hazel Hunt in Canoga Park with Miss Mary Coulter as co-hostess.

WASHINGTON DANCE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD TONIGHT

Tonight the West Hollywood American Legion Auxiliary are giving their second annual Washington dance at the Arden Clubhouse on Alden drive just east of Robertson boulevard and they invite the Van Nuys Legion and Auxiliary and friends to attend. Music by "The Royal Californians" will begin at 8:30. Admission is 50 cents per couple.

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METHODISTS PLAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The First Methodist Church of Van Nuys will have a potluck din- [illegible] her and Fellowship [illegible] Wednesday evening commencing at 6:30. Members and friends are invited.

Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, editor of the Epworth Herald and Official Epworth League convention speaker, will talk at 8 o'clock.

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MISS EILLEIN SAINDON COMPLIMENTS MOTHER

Miss Eileen Saindon of Van Nuys entertained with a party in her country home, at 5142 Sunnyslope avenue, in honor of her mother's birthday Saturday evening. Games and dancing were included in the features of the evening. Eighteen couples were present.

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The Owens Valley—A dozen Switzerlands rolled into one

The Sierra Nevada Mountains in their winter garb as seen from the Owens Valley. Mt. Humphreys, 14,283 feet high, is shown on the extreme left, with Basin Mountain looming up in the left foreground. On the right is Mt. Tom. The Alabama foothills in the near distance.
(J. W. Bledsoe Photo)

Rae Lake in the mountains, eighteen miles from Independence.
(J. W. Bledsoe Photo)

Mt. Whitney, 14,502 feet high, the highest mountain in the continental United States, with Lone Pine Creek in the foreground.
(J. W. Bledsoe Photo)

Deer from the Cottonwood Lake district.

W. P. Whitsett.

William Mulholland.

Unlocking the Treasured Beauties of the Sierra Nevadas

To all Los Angeles, the Owens River Valley, with the Sierra Nevadas to the westward, is known as the source of this city's water supply, brought to the faucets of homes and factories through a 250-mile-long aqueduct. Only a comparatively few people have come to know the Owens Valley region as the greatest and most beautiful mountain playground in the world. To those who have found their way into the mountains to the west of Owens Valley, this range of the Sierra Nevadas is recognized as a veritable vacationist's paradise, with bounteous fishing and big-game hunting opportunities. In this range of the High Sierras is Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain peak in the United States, and sixty other mountain peaks towering more than 14,000 feet in elevation. Great glaciers, each covering many square miles and hundreds of mountain lakes and streams all combine to make the Owens Valley section a hunting, fishing and recreational area unsurpassed in America.

The principal towns in Owens Valley are Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine and Bishop. From each of these communities access may be gained into the mountain wonderland of the High Sierras.

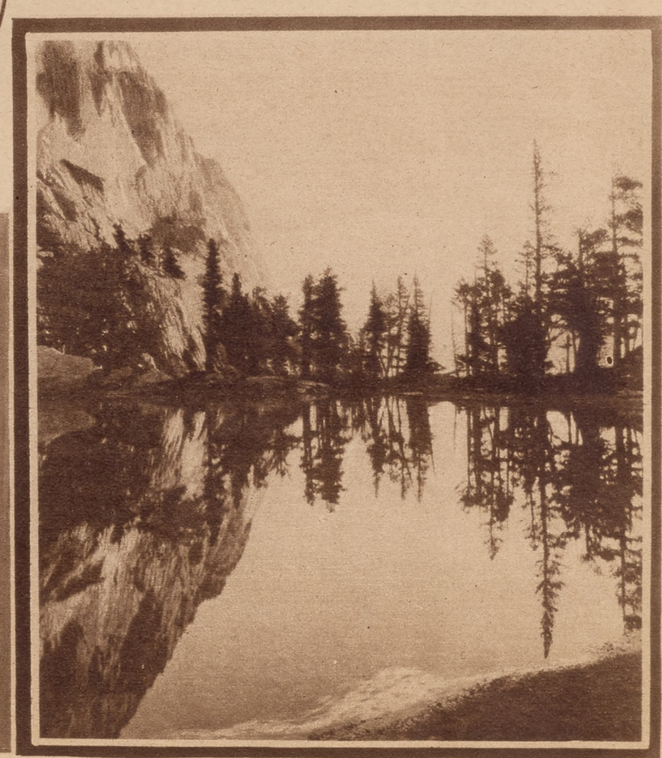
In an effort to make this mountain region accessible to everyone, the Board of Public Service Commissioners has launched a movement to bring about the construction of paved roads from Mojave to Bishop, a distance of 180 miles. Chief Engineer William Mulholland of the Water Bureau, President R. F. Del Valle and W. P. Whitsett of the Public Service Commission have been appointed on a special committee to hasten the construction of this road.

(Photo by Outdoor Franklin)

R. F. Del Valle.

Mt. Alice and First Lake in the Big Pine country.
(Photo by the Big Pine Studio)

The Sierra Nevadas as seen from Bishop.
(J. W. Bledsoe Photo)



A lake on the middle fork of Lone Pine Creek at the foot of Mt. Whitney. Reached by trail from Lone Pine.
(J. W. Bledsoe Photo)

ROTOGRAVURE SECTION

Los Angeles Sunday Times

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1924. THE WORLD IN PICTURES

"All the World's a Stage"

When New Zealand invaded England and handed the Leicester team the short end of a 27-0 score. To the spectator's eye it looks like someone should be penalized for holding. The New Zealanders wear black shirts.

(Pacific & Atlantic)

A Venus in furs, or Aphrodite arising from the wintry sea. O-o-o! it's cold.

(Keystone Photo Service)

Where marriage is still taken seriously, and a prospective bride must go through a solemn and time-honored ritual before being permitted to take a husband. The photo shows a Japanese girl demonstrating her fitness for wifehood and motherhood with a borrowed baby.

(Keystone View Company)

Have a smile with me? A scene from most any musical comedy. However, this one is from the latest version of "The Passing Show."

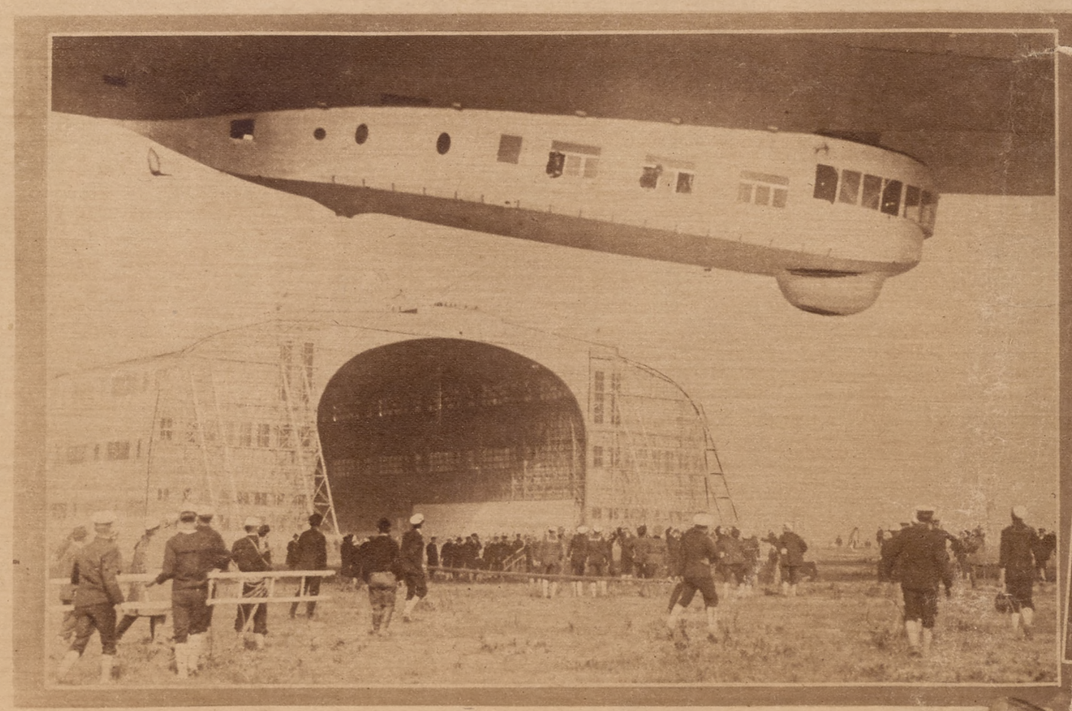
(Photo by White Studio, New York)

Premier MacDonald hears the worst. The Labor leader (shown in the center of the picture in the soft hat) is on his way to Parliament to try to stem the tide of adverse votes.

(Pacific & Atlantic)

"Pavlowa, the incomparable," in an incomparable costume, watches the ballet at the Metropolitan with a pleased smile.

(Pacific & Atlantic)



The gondola living quarters of the crew of the great dirigible, Los Angeles, formerly the ZR-3. The big sky boat is shown approaching her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J.

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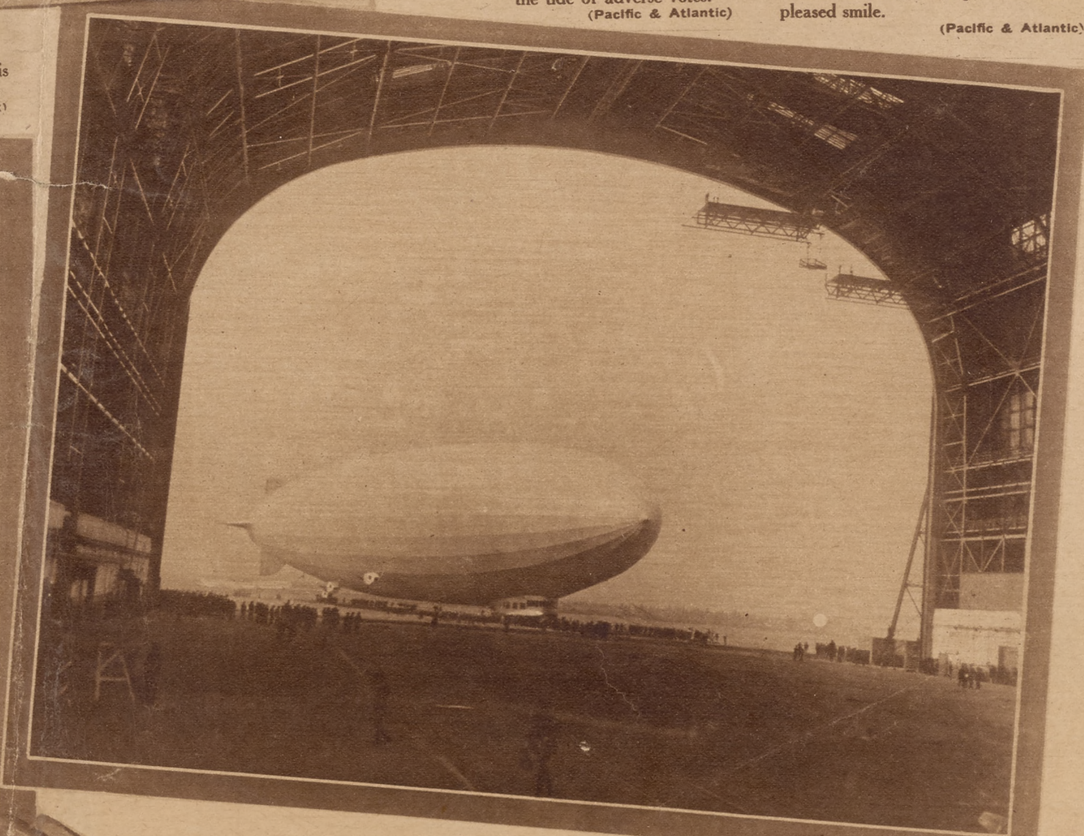

The Los Angeles, formerly known as the ZR-3, entering her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., after her perfect flight across the Atlantic from Germany.

(Wide World Photo)

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Friday and Saturday Dollar Days Great Merchandising Event

Van Nuys Stores Offer Money-Saving Values to the Buying Public This Week; Many Lines Are Represented

One of the greatest arrays of bargains ever offered in a single sales event will be presented to San Fernando Valley shoppers Friday and Saturday, when the curtain goes up on Van Nuys Anniversary Dollar Days. In addition there will be a pre-showing of new spring merchandise.

Never before in Van Nuys history has such an all-embracing array of dollar values and special sales events been arranged for a single sales offering, declare the business men of Van Nuys, who have been preparing for this event for many weeks.

Many Lines Included

In expectation of raising wholesale costs, Van Nuys merchants have assembled the entire range of human needs, from apparel to household wares, and even food. No stone has been left unturned to make this event an outstanding one.

It is a known fact that wholesale prices are rising and merchandise is getting scarcer. Items that will sell for $1 on Friday and Saturday will probably never again be duplicated at that price.

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With lower overhead, merchants of Van Nuys can offer as attractive bargains as any other center, and during the last six months business men have demonstrated that Van Nuys is the recognized center for all buyers, large or small. Where other communities have been slow to recover, Van Nuys is leading the way to prosperity.

Hundreds of attractive bargains are offered for sale and the advertisements carried in The News bear out the assertion that "when better and bigger bargains are made possible, Van Nuys will have them."

THE VALLEY INDEX

Expressed Editorially

(By Walter Mendenhall)

TODAY Van Nuys celebrates its twenty-third birthday anniversary—and at a reunion luncheon arranged under the auspices of the Kiwanis club, honors its sponsors—W. P. Whitsett, founder of this city; Harry Chandler, only living member of that farsighted group of community builders who transformed a 47,000-acre desert ranch into Southern California's finest suburban residential district; and other rugged pioneers who had a part in building this city and this community.

FOR it was just twenty-three years ago today—the 197th anniversary of the birth of George Washington—that thousands of people from all directions assembled on the site where Van Nuys now stands to take part in the official opening of a new townsite and a new tract in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, which at that time was a great expanse of grain land, traversed by unchecked washes and dotted here and there with cactus patches.

ON that momentous day a new era was inaugurated for the San Fernando Valley. Under the forceful leadership of W. P. Whitsett, veteran builder of other fine communities, the wheels of progress and development gained such momentum that within a year's time many homes had been erected, business houses established and Van Nuys was well on its way toward becoming one of the leading commercial and residential centers of the Los Angeles suburban area. Those who had come to scoff at the semi-desert region, had by this time remained to build their homes and join the band of boosters.

CAME the Pacific Electric, providing rapid and comfortable transportation to the city; then four years later the annexation to Los Angeles with use of aqueduct water for domestic and irrigation purposes. A population of less than 100 in 1911 had by this time grown to about 4,000.

TWENTY-THREE years have passed since Van Nuys was founded. This community, in general with the nation and the whole world, has had its setbacks. But, today, as we study its possibilities, there is no doubt that Van Nuys holds greater inducements than ever before, and that the next decade will see an influx of settlers and a period of industrial development that will surpass any that has ever gone before.

ALFALFA MEN PROGRESSING WITH CODE

MET IN LOS ANGELES TUESDAY

U. S. Representative Present at Conference; Hope to Agree Soon

Beryl Wilson, San Fernando representative in the Southern California group that is working out a federal agreement for alfalfa growers and distributors, attended a meeting Tuesday afternoon, held at the Farm Bureau office in Los Angeles and reports very encouraging progress as a result of the conference.

W. A. Wheeler of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration addressed the group and assured those present that he would use every effort to expedite the forming of the code so that it could be put into effect with as little delay as possible.

Other representatives at the meeting were W. T. Graham of Lancaster, representing the Antelope Valley; Chairman Hastings of Brawley, representing the Imperial Valley; and Mr. Howard of Riverside, representing Riverside county.

Included in the group that is working on the agreement is all of the alfalfa growing territory in Southern California and a part of Southern Arizona.

Mr. Wilson said that he was more encouraged by this conference than any previous one, and that the group of which he is a member will continue to press the matter until an agreement is reached.

CHICKENS TAKEN FROM RANCH

Leonard Poulton, 6842 Agnes avenue, reported to the Valley police division yesterday the loss of four Brahmas and four Rhode Island Reds from his poultry yards. Mr. Poulton valued the birds at $12.

VAN NUYS YOUTHS R.O.T.C. OFFICERS

Appointments and promotions in the advanced course of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, have just been announced by Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Moran, commandant.

First among the forty-one men appointed second lieutenants, were Vance R. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arville R. Cooper, and Larry V. Pidgeon, son of Gertrude Prescott of Van Nuys. Both are alumni of Van Nuys high school.

DR. G. J. LUND HONORED BY Y. M. C. A.

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Scroll Presented By General Secretary J. E. Manley of National Council

The Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. did special honor to Dr. George J. Lund of Van Nuys Tuesday night when John E. Manley, general secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. presented to Dr. Lund, on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. of Los Angeles, a scroll in recognition of thirty-nine years continuous service to the "Y."

Dr. Lund has been a member of the educational committee of the Y. M. C. A., has served as its chairman, as member of the board of management of the downtown branch and as chairman of that committee, and for the last two years as member of the board of management of the San Fernando Valley branch.

Other men similarly honored were James G. Warren, president of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A.; F. E. Eckhart, former president of the board of directors; Dr. Wm. H. Snyder of Hollywood, who was instrumental in the organization of the Hollywood Y. M. C. A.; C. I. D. Moore of Los Angeles, L. E. Gunn, chairman of the board of management of the Southwest Y. M. C. A. and former chairman of the Church Cooperative Boys' Work committee, and Dr. John P. Buckley, chairman of the board of management of the Hollywood Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Manley gave a short address outlining the present program of the Y. M. C. A. and outlining the place of the Y. M. C. A. in the community life of the country in some of the problems that lie ahead.

AREA PROJECTS OUTLINED AT MEETING

MAYOR, COUNCILMAN PRESENT

Matters of Vital Interest to Valley Discussed By Assoc. Chambers

That the San Fernando Valley has fared better than most districts in the number of CWA projects, was pointed out by Mayor Shaw in a talk to the members and guests of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of West San Fernando Valley, at a meeting held in the Granada Inn Monday night.

The Mayor said that work is to start soon on the extension of Sepulveda boulevard to provide a connection between the Valley and the Ridge Route, and also for the extension of Foothill boulevard near the Newhall tunnel.

Another speaker was Councilman Jim Wilson, who said that the council had no authority to change employees' salaries, as this matter is governed by charter. "There are now 16,000 persons, exclusive of those in the school department, on the city payroll, and 86 cents of every dollar spent by the city is for salaries."

George C. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the First National Farm

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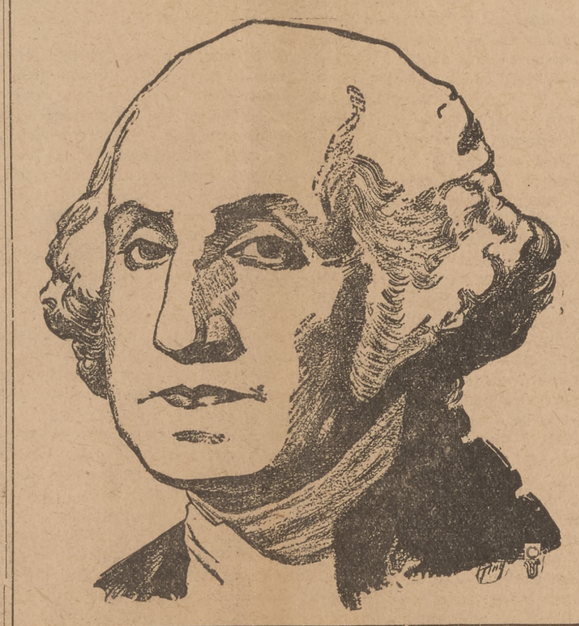
The Father of His Country
1732-1934



POSTS TO OBSERVE AMERICANISM DAY

Legionaires of San Fernando Valley Holding Program at Reseda

Legionnaires of the San Fernando Valley with the Reseda Post as host will observe February 27 as Americanism Day with an especially prepared program birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Judge Kincaid

The meeting will be held at the American Legion club house at Reseda at 8 o'clock to which the public is invited. Judge Clarence L. Kincaid, former presiding judge of the municipal court, a prominent Legionnaire and a past commander of the Van Nuys Post, will deliver the principal address.

The program, in charge of S. MacDonald, Reseda, has been announced as follows:

Opening ceremony by Post. Commander Paul Ackerman, Reseda Post. Advancing of colors with color guards from American Legion posts Reseda, Canoga Park, Studio City and Van Nuys, and their respective Auxiliary units. Boy and Girl Scout troops will also participate in this opening ceremony.

Commander introduces the Americanism chairman, Mr. MacDonald, who will introduce the distinguished guests.

Number by the Van Nuys American Legion Auxiliary Glee club,

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VALLEY RESIDENT FATALLY INJURED

Victim Failed to Make Stop According to Police Reports of Crash

Arch B. McKinney, 6118 Colfax avenue, died yesterday at 10 a. m. in General hospital, following his injury in a traffic accident at the corner of Lankershim boulevard and Pendleton avenue Tuesday evening.

A car driven by McKinney collided with one driven by Andrew Grinnell, 2208 West Pico boulevard, Los Angeles, police reports stating that McKinney failed to make a boulevard stop before crossing Lankershim boulevard.

Grinnell suffered broken ribs and McKinney a skull fracture. The injured men were brought to the Van Nuys Receiving hospital here and McKinney was sent to the General hospital.

Police had considerable difficulty in identifying McKinney as he was driving a car registered to Bernard Alex Arklos, 307 East Lake avenue, Los Angeles, and none of the papers in his pockets identified him.

Mrs. J. Lionbarger Injured When Struck Down By Automobile

Mrs. John Lionbarger, 14229 Sylvan street, was slightly injured last night when she was struck by a car driven by Edward Krystosiak, 7119 Shoup avenue, at the corner of Van Nuys boulevard and Vanowen street.

Mr. Krystosiak stated he did not see Mrs. Lionbarger until it was too late to avoid her. Mrs. Lionbarger was taken to the Van Nuys Receiving hospital where it was found she was not seriously hurt.

PROGRAM

Van Nuys Old Timers and Founders Day, Woman's Club House
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1934
Sponsored By the Van Nuys Kiwanis Club

Opening Ceremonies.....Albert B. Morris, Kiwanis President
America. Flag Salute. Invocation by Rev. David Farquharson.
Luncheon
Ensemble Singing led by I. H. Malin. Kiwanis Welcome.
Introduction of Guests at Tables.....Kiwanis Hosts
Special Musical Numbers (Selected).....Luverne Sigmund
Introduction of Honor Guests—W. P. Whitsett, Harry Chandler, D. W. Pontius, William Mulholland, John Steven McGroarty, by Chairman F. M. Keffer.
Musical Number (Selected).....Luverne Sigmund
Introduction of Harry Carr, special guest speaker, by Walter Mendenhall.
Informal Reception and reunion. Exhibit of old time photos and views of Van Nuys, arranged by Dr. C. B. Canby.

GARDEN PLOTS FOR COUNTY WELFARE

ONE TRACT LOCATED IN VAN NUYS

County Will Furnish Plowing, Equipment, Seed, Water and Supervision

Supervisor Roger Jessup today announced the location of four county community garden plots, aggregating 45 acres in the Fifth Supervisorial district. More will be located later, he declared, as representatives of the Department of Charities secure rights to more acreage and complete negotiations for water.

The tracts already located for cultivation in the Fifth District are as follows:

Altadena, 10 acres at Foothill boulevard and Lincoln street.

Burbank, 20 acres at Hollywood Way and Jeffries street.

Glendale, 10 acres at Verdugo road and Wilson avenue.

Van Nuys, 5 acres at Cedros and Vanowen streets.

Families dependent on the county will work the gardens in plots averaging a fifth of an acre each according to Supervisor Jessup. It is the plan of the county to place 2,000 acres under cultivation this year, a program which will allow 10,000 families to become partly self-supporting.

The program as outlined by Supervisor Jessup provides that the county will pay for plowing, equipment, seed, water and supervision. The land is donated and the water in many cases provided without cost to the county.

To initiate the program the supervisors have appropriated $10,000 and have agreed to finance the project further as funds are required. The county's garden test on 167 acres last year showed tha families working fifth of an acre tracts raised four times as many vegetables as are contained in the monthly county packages and at a third of the cost.

GRAVES LOSES APPEAL ON BRIBERY

CONVICTION BY LOWER COURT UPHELD

Case Involving the Former Supervisor Grew Out of Dam Fiasco

Conviction of Sidney T. Graves, former Los Angeles county supervisor, on charges of accepting an $80,000 bribe in connection with the ill-fated San Gabriel high dam project, was upheld this week by the district court of appeal.

Graves has been living on a small ranch in the San Fernando Valley while awaiting action on his appeal.

Graves, who had been chairman of the flood control and building committee of the supervisors, was convicted of receiving the bribe for his vote in favor of a settlement totaling $830,755 paid to the contractors, Fisher, Ross, MacDonald and Kahn, after construction of the high dam was abandoned. He was sentenced to serve 1 to 14 years in prison.

The contract for the dam was let in December, 1928, for a total of $11,000,000. Work was aban-

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Development Since 1911 Has Been One of Outstanding Community Achievements in Nation; Future Is Bright

It is a story that has been told and retold, countless times—yet never grows old—the remarkable transformation of a semi-arid barley ranch into one of the most delightful residential and commercial centers of the entire Southland during the short period of twenty-three years—the history of Van Nuys.

FOUNDERS' DAY IS SPONSORED BY KIWANIANS

REUNION AT WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE

Van Nuys Service Club Pays Tribute Today to Pioneers

More than two hundred pioneer citizens of the community, service club members and their guests, are meeting at luncheon in the Van Nuys Woman's club house today to honor the founders and pioneers of this community.

Honor guests are W P. Whitsett, founder of Van Nuys; Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times and only living member of the Suburban Homes company; D. W. Pontius, president of the Pacific Electric Railway company and identified with early transportation activities here; William Mulholland, chief engineer of the water and power department when aqueduct water was brought to Van Nuys.

HARRY CARR

Special guests are John Steven McGroarty, author of the Mission Play and Southern California's most beloved citizen; Harry Carr, columnist of the Los Angeles Times, and recognized as one of the west's most eminent writers.

J. S. McGroarty

The affair is sponsored by the Van Nuys Kiwanis club as one of its main objectives of community service in its 1934 program.

This luncheon meeting brings together, for the first time, in many years, men and women identified with the early development of Van Nuys and the central district of the San Fernando Valley. A notable feature is the display of old photographs, collected and arranged by Dr. C. B. Canby.

W. Mulholland

The Kiwanis club committee responsible for arrangements today's meeting is composed of Frank M. Keffer, one of the club's founders and pioneer Van Nuys newspaper publisher; Dr. C. B. Canby, past president of the club and pioneer physician; Mark C. Sutton, past president, and pioneer druggist and rancher; J. W. Praiswater, past president and prominent Valley mortician; Walter Mendenhall, editor of The News, past president and now lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 3.

HOOSIERS TO MEET

All former residents of Indiana are called to attend the semi-annual basket dinner Sunday, February 25, at Sycamore Park, Los Angeles. Metrice E. Taylor, Evansville, Ind., will be the principal speaker.

For it was on February 22, 1911, that W. P. Whitsett, community builder, placed the present townsite on sale, following weeks of careful planning and intensive advertising in collaboration with the Suburban Homes company, owner of 47,000 acres in the San Fernando Valley.

HARRY CHANDLER

Members of this syndicate were Harry Chandler, H. J. Whitley, Gen. M. H. Sherman, Harrison Gray Otis and O. F. Brant.

Many Here That Day

Thousands of people from all parts of Southern California, and many who were sojourning from

W. P. WHITSETT

the east, were attracted to the opening sale by the well directed advertising campaign. Sales of property on that day exceeded the most optimistic hopes of everybody. And from that day, the wheels of progress began to revolve and have continued to revolve until the present time with increasing momentum.

Development Highlights

Building of residences and business houses started immediately after the opening sale.

On December 4, $50,000 in bonds were voted for a new elementary school. Eighty votes were cast at the election, and every one was favorable.

December 16, the first street car was operated over Pacific Electric tracks from Los Angeles to Van Nuys.

The Van Nuys News was established in October.

With the close of 1911 it was estimated that there were 300 people living in Van Nuys.

The next year saw development getting under way on a more ex-

More about Van Nuys Anniversary on pages 1 and 3, Part 2.

NEW CAR STOLEN

Harry Ehring, 12008 Hartsook street, purchased a car Saturday night and at 11 p. m. parked it at 2522 Magnolia boulevard and when he returned found the car had been stolen.

DOLLAR DAYS IN VAN NUYS

Don't be misled by promises that Dollar Day in downtown Los Angeles excels Van Nuys Anniversary Days. In scope a metropolitan sales day may be more elastic but price and quality are no better. If you stay at home you'll save your heels as well as your souls and disappointments will be fewer. You need the every day service of Van Nuys merchants and the need is mutual between buyer and seller.

Editorial Comment

Features

THE NEWS features a reliable, constructive news service and is the leading publicity medium in 116 square miles of the prosperous San Fernando Valley. It endeavors at all times to be accurate in every published statement of fact. Readers of this newspaper who discover any inaccuracy of importance will confer a favor by calling attention of the publishers to the error.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AID TO BUSINESS

Today the world is endeavoring to recover from a long period of economic and social depression. Every effort is being made to stabilize business, to restore employment to millions and to build up the morale.

It is a singular coincidence that the spirit of George Washington, dead one hundred and thirty-five years, is again beneficial help to the economic conditions of the country which he fathered.

George Washington in his early manhood worked for prosperous and populous enduring communities, not only in his own Virginia but in all parts of the new world of which he had knowledge. That he was successful is history and that he will again instill into the hearts of American people a new hope, a new joy in working out their destiny will be the history of the future.

George Washington had a genius for leadership and organization. He was always eager to help a worthy cause. Whenever he was called upon for help he answered readily. When in 1799 he died, he closed a long life, filled with fine activity, loyalty to his country and cause, a life that has been respected and revered through the passing centuries, by all people.

George Washington said: "It is not a custom with me to keep money to look at." What better example have the people of today to follow? You could not coin a more fitting phrase for the commercial and business enterprises of today than that which Washington said nearly two hundred years ago. This phrase, in itself, is a message to all those who have been hoarding their money, spending only enough for the barest necessities. Certainly it will be considered unpatriotic not to spend, within your income, for our part in emulating the father of our country lies in doing our bit toward restoring prosperity to this country for which George Washington fought so determinedly and wisely.

Indirectly as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that in our efforts to celebrate the birthday of our first President, his spirit will prove again to be of benefit to his country. Again his wisdom, his foresight and his high economic and social standards shall have their bearing on a people who know of him only through history. In his day he helped our country to success, and now in our day he will renew the faith and hope and vision that is a heritage of the American people.

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FORGETTING APPEARANCES

Do you ever quake when you are in the presence of a dignitary? Some people are overwhelmed by the prestige that clothes or position give to a man.

A psychologist suggests a way to eliminate this fear: When a big man glares at you, and you tremble, just look at him cooly for a moment and try to imagine him without clothes. This will enable you to regain control of yourself. Carlyle, the sharp-tongued Scotsman, could not imagine a naked House of Lords. Many portly or dapper magnifies would look very laughable in a Turkish bath.

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ED HOWE IS RIGHT

Ed Howe says: "Behave yourself; let others go to the devil, if they so please . . . If you behave yourself, and do well, that will be the most powerful preaching you can indulge in; noting your example, many on the way to the devil will turn back, and follow you to safety."

Let the advice sink in. Fathers often preach to their sons. But the sons are in the position of Emerson who once exclaimed, "What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say."

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RELIEF MEASURES NOT ENOUGH

A good practical farmer that we know, bought a team for $300 a few years ago, when his neighbor bought a tractor for $3,000. The "horse farmer" has made a consistent profit out of his farm, even during the depression, and his team is as efficient today as when he bought it. The "tractor farmer" is broke—too much capital invested for the possible earning power of the land. The tractor is on the scrap heap.

As with banks, so with farming; their salvation depends on men who "know the business." All the "relief measures" in the world cannot save the inefficient, the wasteful and the ignorant from failure.

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If a man smiles at home he is sure to be asked for money.

Just a Little of This and That

By W. E. W.

FOR THE YEAR 1934—

Pedestrians for the year 1934 can now look forward to not only being knocked down, but having a knee-action wheel reach out and give them an extra kick.

BREAKS FAIL THEM—

Army pilots who were to carry the mails Monday night just didn't get the breaks as the weather man halted their plan. But weather can't be regulated and the boys must be patient until flying is advisable. They have a big job before them and starting right is at least half the battle.

GRANDMA, MOTHER, DAUGHTER—

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Aimee Semple McPherson and Mrs. Roberta Semple Smythe are evidently going to complete the history of their lives following the same paths and no one can criticize Mrs. Smythe for she is simply following the examples set before her.

ALL HONOR TO THEM—

Today we do honor to the pioneers of Van Nuys and a lot of us may think we have problems to solve but those men struggled against barriers that would today appear almost unsurmountable.

Imagine if you can the broad expanse of land that confronted them; land through which storm water raced during the rainy season, seeking the lower levels by whatever route the volume of water found the quickest. During many weeks of the year the wind carried great volumes of dust making life anything but pleasant for those who cast their lot here.

Those men paved the way for successful farming; they aided in bringing water to a thirsty land; they placed our network of highways; they planted trees, built their homes, their churches and a thriving business center.

If there's a nobler work we know not what it is and again we say All Honor to Our Pioneers.

THE FLIGHT OF TIME

From The News Files

TEN YEARS AGO

Work began Wednesday morning on the Pacific Electric tunnel, extending from Hill street to Glendale avenue and First street. The bore will be 4,224 feet long and will cost $3,500,000. The tunnel, it is estimated, will cut the P. E. running time to the Valley 15 minutes. It will be completed in August.

Mrs. Leota Ingles was struck and instantly killed by a Southern Pacific train at about 7 o'clock Tuesday night, when she sat down between the rails to change her shoes while walking from a motor bus stop to her home at 10500 Remsen avenue.

George F. (Dad) Beales has again reserved a choice block of reserved seats for the opening game of the Pacific Coast League and has them at his service station for all fans who want to join the Van Nuys party to witness the initial contest in Los Angeles.

A credit bureau has been formed by the Merchants & Manufacturers association and will shortly be put in operation. A committee composed of Ralph M. Albright, E. E. Rabe and Gus Boulanger are in charge of its organization.

The Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce yesterday gave its endorsement to the Swing-Johnson bill now being considered in Washington, and which seeks the construction of the Boulder Canyon dam by the federal government.

H. P. Madison and his son, Frank A. Madison, have purchased the Peoples' Store of E. B. Ottestad and will take immediate possession. Mr. Ottestad is not certain as to his future plans but is contemplating going into another line of business in Van Nuys.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Carrying out one of the last expressed wishes of Ed. M. Stannard, deceased commander of Van Nuys Post, American Legion, members of the local veterans' organization have completed the work of decorating the walls of their banquet room in Allington's Cafe with designed posters, bearing the insignia of various infantry divisions, army corps, armies and other military units in which members of the Post served during the World War.

The Ventura Boulevard Chamber of Commerce has asked the city council for a bridge over Los Angeles River on Kester avenue.

Gasoline is selling at local service stations today at prices ranging from 11½ cents to 14 cents per gallon. Operators may call it a war but for motorists it is one grand event.

W. R. Dunsmore, well-known Valley rancher and property owner, was elected vice-president of the Poultry Producers association at the annual meeting of the association held last Thursday.

Bids will be received early in March for the construction of the new University buildings at Westwood.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Phelps Gates yesterday and left a seven-pound baby daughter. The young Miss has been named Louise Phelps Gates.

Fifteen elections are going to take place in Los Angeles county within the next four months, according to announcement made today by W. M. Kerr, registrar of voters.

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A mother can do most anything with a boy but she can't make him admit that girls are his equal.

URBAN CHATTER

By Ethel M. Taylor

AMONG OUR SOUVENIRS

Everywhere we go today, people are talking about anniversaries and old times. Van Nuys is only twenty-three, but history seems to make itself as easily in twenty-three years, as in a century . . . Ernest C. Moore, pioneer merchant, is chuckling over a picture which was sent to him from his old home town, Terre Haute, Ind. The clipping from a pictorial sheet shows the "Flying Squadron," a club organized in 1888 by the young blades of the city, who were recognized as cycling aces . . . Ernest Moore, very young and very handsome, is in the third row with one of his closest friends . . . "That's the fellow," he points out, "who enlisted with me for the Spanish-American War. Of course, we were too young and our mothers found out, which spoiled everything" . . . Mr. Moore remembers the day when the Flying Squadron had a grand party through the courtesy of the local railway company . . . A flat car was rigged up with seats for the boys and their best girls, who were attired in their Sunday "starched whites" . . . They brought Negro entertainers along, and it was to be a memorable event . . . Which it was. Sadly, but surely. The train chug-chugged along, and there was laughter, and much gaiety. The old smoke stack puff-puffed, and tiny cinder particles wafted back over the open flat car and gently settled on handsome blade and fair lady in white . . . Which of the party were the dark entertainers, and which the blades and lassies, was difficult to discern as the train pulled in at the station that evening . . . We inquire of Mr. Moore if there aren't some interesting relics or heirlooms in his household . . . "Nothing to speak of, excepting an old razor blade (speaking of blades), which isn't worth mentioning," laughs Mr. Moore . . . Telling him that a razor blade is just what we're looking for, Mr. Moore admits this one belonged to his great-grandfather, and is at least 150 years old . . . It has a six inch blade, now dull, and was made in Sheffield, England . . . Three generations used is for shaving, and later for corn-pruning, we gather.

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Everything but the family tree seems to have been uprooted and unearthed for today's pioneer celebration under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis club . . . Pictures play the most important part in the dramatic story of early days in Van Nuys . . . Dr. Earl Graham, who established a ranch here in 1914, has some very interesting snapshots of the unbroken expanse of acreage from the premises of his old homestead to the foothills beyond Sherman Oaks . . . Nothing but trees, trees, trees . . . Not a house, not an electric wire, a telephone pole, or a radio aerial to break the skyline . . . Nothing but a solitary windmill, and a drab water tank to feed the earth's hungry soil and nurture the trees and a garden . . . Those were the days when there were street car tracks, but no street car . . . A gasoline coach the only quick transportation to the city, and not so quick at that . . . The days when a snow-storm was as rare an event as it is now . . . One of the pictures shows Dr. Graham with his horse and a wooden sled, which created much excitement when he drove to the townsite following a freak snowfall . . .

Van Nuys Library Prominent Factor During 23-Year Growth

By MARY E. STRONG

Van Nuys Library, or, as it is officially known, Los Angeles Public Library, Van Nuys Branch, claims a place among the pioneers of the community. When Van Nuys was still an infant town the need of a public library was recognized and the first step toward having one was taken twenty-one years ago when Mrs. Howard Trotter, President of The Van Nuys Woman's club began negotiations with Los Angeles County Free Library for a branch at Van Nuys.

An agreement was reached that as soon as the community could secure a place to house the books and provide a suitable custodian the County Library would supply the books. A further condition was that the Library must be kept open two hours a day, two days each week.

The Van Nuys School Board of which William Campbell was chairman, immediately set aside two rooms at the Grammar school for the use of the library. George Betts made the first set of shelves for the books. Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. Paul Shepard, Mrs. Jeffie Lee Baker and Mrs. Wallace Dickey volunteered to keep the library open the specified four hours per week. One hundred and fifty books were sent out to fill the shelves.

So well patronized was this library that at the end of three months, partly by replacement and partly by additions, the book stock was increased to three hundred. Other books, especially requested, were sent out from time to time for individual loans. At the end of eighteen months, circulation of books was sufficient to warrant a county expenditure of five dollars per month for a custodian and Miss Esther Harris was chosen for this position.

In 1915 when Van Nuys became a part of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Public Library undertook to give library service to Van Nuys, replacing the county library. When Van Nuys city hall was completed the library occupied a room in it and before removal from that location grew to have two open hours per day, four days each week. Mrs. Edith Van de Car followed Miss Harris and Miss Lona Beller was next in charge. Continued growth brought about another change of location, a room in the Holloway building offered, rent free, by Mr. Holloway. This was just at the close of 1924. The present branch librarian came to Van Nuys branch in February, 1925.

When the 1925 library bond issue was proposed, members of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. W. P. Whitsett and others presented Van Nuys' need of a library building of its own. A library committee was appointed, Mrs. Trotter representing the Woman's club, Carter Bishop the churches, Charles Bevis the Chamber of Commerce. To this committee was due the highly efficient management of the library bond election in Van Nuys. In the fall of 1926 work was started on the Van Nuys branch library building at the corner of Sylvan street and Vesper avenue; on the first day of March, 1927, it

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DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS

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PIONEERS----

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Club Women See L. A. County Jail

With Deputy Sheriff Fitzgerald appointed as their guide by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Van Nuys club women in a group organized by Mrs. Charles Canby, institutions and philanthropies chairman, toured the Los Angeles County jail and Hall of Justice.

From the records, they learned there is an average of 1800 men in the prison, the number expected to decrease to approximately 1200 in the summer. The inmates include 225 ex-convicts, and 30 murderers. In 1933, 1,200,000 meals were served at an average cost per man of 85 cents. In the Lincoln Heights unit, from 60 to 100 women are detained, their daily upkeep costing $1.40 average a person.

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Coming Events

Notice of meetings, socials and gatherings suitable for this column and of general interest of Valley readers will be printed in the calendar by phoning Van Nuys 600.

Tonight

San Fernando Valley Horticultural society, 7:30 p. m., Van Nuys library.

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Friday, February 23

Studio tea, auspices drama department Van Nuys Woman's club at 2:30 p. m.

Silver tea at H. H. A. Hastings, Jr., home, Ventura boulevard, 2 p. m. auspices Mrs. H. E. Kinsley's circle of the Presbyterian Woman's Aid.

Card party woman's club house, 8 p. m. auspices high school P.-T. A. Prizes and refreshments. Public.

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Saturday, February 24

American Legion dance, I. O. O. F. hall.

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Monday, February 26

W. C. T. U. meeting Central Christian church to plan precinct canvassing.

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Tuesday, February 27

Van Nuys Juniors entertain Burbank Juniors, supper at 7 o'clock. Program.

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Wednesday, February 28

Van Nuys Woman's club. John Claire Monteith, nationally known singer and lecturer, presenting "The Oregon Trails and Indian Days" in costume.

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Friday, March 2

Legion Auxiliary card party, Allen home, 14447 Greenleaf street 8 p. m. Public.

Epworth Leaguers Win Hoop Championship—

Claiming the Valley championship with their last victory, the girls basketball team of the Epworth League, Van Nuys First Methodist church, won enviable laurels last week.

Leagues entering teams in the series were Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Burbank, North Hollywood, San Fernando and Sepulveda.

Miss Anna Scott was captain and manager of the local squad, the team composed of Dora Oltmann, Florence Williams, Anna Scott, Dorothy Scott, Frances Detmer, Elizabeth Tonoff, Marjorie McRae, Ruth Warren, Edna McRae.

Studio Tea Is Fete Friday

TWO-THIRTY PROGRAM

Fox Starlets, New Play and Dance Numbers Feature Entertainment

Interest in woman's realm is centered this week about the charmingly smart studio tea which the drama workshop of the Van Nuys Woman's club is tendering tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the club rooms on Sylvan street.

Departing from the usual plan of including only club affiliates among the guests, this affair because of its universal interest is open to all women of the district, it was annouced by the department curator, Mrs. A. G. Cooper.

Dances and piano interpretations by clever Betty Jane Brockmiller, niece of Mrs. A. Swan Wickstrom, will open the program at 2:30 o'clock, followed by pianologues by that exceedingly popular Beverly Hills artist, Helen Warfield Winger who completely captivated an audience at the West Ebell club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lillian Bartley of the Fox Studios school is bringing two of the juvenile actors from her classes who will entertain with song and dance novelties, while Miss Bartley herself will tell an intimate story of the life of a child motion picture star.

At 3:30 o'clock a one-act play, "The Blue Ribbon Bonnet," is being presented by a group of club women under the direction of Mrs. Cooper. She speaks of their work as "unusually fine," and of the plot itself as one of the most attractive of the newer short plays, revolving about a blue ribbon bonnet which belongs to Betty Everett, a little country girl. This role is taken by Mrs. Henry Walleck. Others in the cast are Mrs. Leland Spates as Bridget, an Irish woman who is the only true and faithful friend of Ilka Chase, actress who has had a stroke of misfortune, the part taken by Mrs. Harold Laub. Mrs. Paul Peterson is cast as Miss Roberts, the prim and stiff hotel maid who regards the actress with marked hostility.

Tea is to be served from a garden-like table mounded with delicately perfumed spring blossoms and appointed with heirloom silver belonging to Mrs. T. J. Morris who will preside at the tea urns with Mrs. Harold Neithart. Others assisting with general arrangements include Mrs. A. W. Swenson and Mrs. Francine Lane.

Flowers for the decoration of the club house are being cut from the Fox Studios gardens and transported here through the courtesy of A. G. Cooper who is connected with the studios.

Club Women and Men Plan Irish Affair—

While their regular calendar of events goes on uninterrupted, the Sherman Oaks Woman's club is preparing to join with the Men's club in a supper meeting on March 7, to be followed by a St. Patricks dance in the community auditorium.

The women's literature section will meet with Mrs. Ivan T. Jones on Wednesday, February 28, according to the meeting schedule.

The club president, Mrs. Calvin William Carpenter, accompanied by Mrs. Lois Sadler, represented the organization at a reciprocity meeting in Burbank Tuesday.

Those from the club attending the bridge party sponsored by the Lane Tree club at Holly Chatteau on Franklin avenue Tuesday evening, were Mrs. John Singlaub, Mrs. D. W. Burtis and Mrs. Lydia Slocum, a house guest of Mrs. B. M. Hansen.

Superintendent Reviews America's School Program—

Mrs. A. W. Swenson, homemaking chairman of the Van Nuys Woman's club, recently attended the district federation conference in Los Angeles where one of the year's most important programs was given.

County Superintendent Clofton reviewed the present educational situation, exposing the folly of slashing school hours and teachers wages. America, with 172 school days, offers less time for child education than European countries whose lowest school attendance is 210 days per year, he pointed out.

Paul Jeffrey, building contractor, reviewed the proposed earthquake-proof building program which will soon be put into effect by the Board of Education.

Don Ancient Wedding Gowns

Ancestors Came to America On Frigates

Two wedding gowns of the Civil War period that are heirlooms in the C. P. Cocks family, 14348 Valerio street, are worn in the above picture by their attractive daughters, Miss Emily and Miss Betsy Cocks.

Great Aunt Temperance Roberts of Savoy, Mass., was married in the gown which is modeled by Miss Emily Cocks, shown at the left. The purple and lavendar plaid taffeta is in an excellent state of preservation, the bodice having a trim row of velvet-covered buttons and the high neckline held by an old Florentine brooch that has been in the family for many years.

Miss Emily Cocks is wearing Grandmother Emily Roberts' wedding gown, in which she took the nuptial vows during the same year as her sister (Temperance Roberts), 73 years ago. It is fashioned of dark green taffeta with a narrow brown stripe, and trimmed with brown velvet. The brooch and earrings were from the bride's jewel chest, and Miss Cocks holds a tiny French Bible, brought from Paris by an aunt several years.

Recently compiled, a book entitled "The Cocks Family in America," and official papers concerning ten generations of the Bridges family of Mrs. Cocks' ancestry, reveal that the lineage on both sides goes back to the time of the Pilgrim fathers when America was being colonized.

Emily and Betsy Cocks

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Cocks and Ives families in America from England, on the frigate "Truelove," and the 302nd anniversary of the arrival from England of Mrs. Cocks' ancestors on board the "Speedwell."

The News recently published a travel diary written by Emily and Betsy Cocks during a cross country trip to the Atlantic Coast. The former is a graduate of Van Nuys high school, while her sister is a sophomore at the school.

Patriotism is Program Theme For Chapter AN

Marked with unusual interest was the program presented yesterday afternoon following the luncheon meeting of Chapter AN of the P. E. O. when Mrs. Laura Morton and Mrs. Winifred Palmer of Victory boulevard were co-hostesses.

"The Acid Test," an attractive one-act play, was given by Mrs. Harriette Cooper, drama curator of the Van Nuys Woman's club, and Mrs. Pansy Zook. Mrs. Cooper also entertained with a selection of readings. Mrs. Lillian Harrison, who with Mrs. Edna Shepard arranged the program, offered a patriotic reading inspired by the birthday anniversaries of Lincoln and Washington. The entertainers were given lovely corsages of ranunculas by the chapter.

Mrs. Nell Lyon, president of Chapter AN, presided at the business session when an important measure acted upon was the revision of chapter by-laws.

A visiting member for the session was Mrs. Regina Twinting of Pasadena, mother of Mrs. G. E. Hume.

Legion Dance Is Saturday Night—

Another of the monthly American Legion-Auxiliary dances will be held Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the local Odd Fellows hall. Van W. Pitts is dance chairman, and announces that an attractive program has been planned. The event is open to all members and their friends.

Silver Tea Is Being Given By Circle Tomorrow

Regarded as one of this week's important events in church circles, a silver tea at the home of Mrs. H. H. A. Hastings, Jr., 16421 Ventura boulevard, is under the auspices of Mrs. Herbert E. Kinsley's circle of the Presbyterian Woman's Aid.

The affair is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and is open to members of the aid and their friends.

Mrs. Edward A. Moehn and Mrs. Saidie Jackson are to assist the hostess at the tea table.

Program highlights will be readings by Mrs. A. M. Harrison, piano numbers by Miss Martha Schindler of the Portia I. Young Studios of Pianoforte, and vocal selections by Mrs. Zadie Hoag, glee club and orchestra director of the Van Nuys grammar school.

Shower Given By Methodist Guild—

Mrs. Helen Davis was the honoree at a shower given during a meeting Tuesday of the Methodist Women's Missionary Guild at the home of Miss Mildred O'Crum.

Many lovely gifts were received by the guest of honor. Entertainment included the reading of a play, "The Tithers" by members of the group. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

The missionary drama, "Two Masters," was presented by the Guild at the church Sunday and was so well attended that it will not be repeated again this week-end as announced.

SOCIAL SIDELIGHTS

Two very lovely and accomplished girls are Marie and Barbara Hanley, attractive daughters of Attorney and Mrs. Robert L. Hanley of Kester avenue. We had the pleasure of seeing and hearing them expound their talents together when they appeared recently on a banquet program.

Marie, the eldest, has been so very fortunate in being able to share the artistry of her mother, who has tutored Marie since the latter was very young.

On the other hand, Barbara shows marked aptitude to the violin and has already mastered extremely difficult compositions with admirable technique.

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Speaking of the banquet program, this was our first opportunity to hear the voice of Mrs. Max Horwitz, whose natural knowledge of music seems to be a gift inherited by each of her six sisters, as well as herself. A few of them have commercialized their talents, while others, like Mrs. Horwitz, have abandoned professional careers for busy home lives.

Then of course, there is the clever young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horwitz—Myrtle Harwin, who is touring as soloist with leading dance bands of the state. Myrtle's voice, like her mother's, has an astonishing natural sweetness that is charming because of its utter lack of professional tutoring.

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"Rancho Sombrero," or "hat ranch," is owned by J. Henry Stetson at San Fernando. John B. Stetson is the famous hat king. Someone suggests a kinship between the two, and naturally, we have become very interested.

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Miss Jean E. Conkey, New York school teacher who has embarked on a world cruise, stopped by to say "hello" during her brief visit with the Frank Conkeys here this week-end. Miss Conkey, titian-haired and most engaging, left the U. S. President Pierce at the harbor and boarded the U. S. President Coolidge to continue her trip. Monday she was enroute to many, many interesting ports, including Hawaii, Shanghai, Naples and Paris. Her companion is a colleague, Miss Margaret Fowler, also of New York.

Famous Singer Appears Here

WEARS INDIAN REGALIA

John Claire Monteith Gives Program Next Wednesday at Woman's Club

Praised by the eminent composer, Charles Wakefield Cadman, as the originator of an entertainment "which not only holds the interest of the music lover, but is bound to appeal to every type of audience," John Claire Monteith, baritone and lecturer, will be featured on the next program of the Van Nuys Woman's club February 28.

Booked by the program chairman, Mrs. Maurice W. Markham, the nationally known singer brings to the club a fascinating arrangement of Indian tribal and ceremonial songs, modern compositions based on Indian tribal melodies, and the story of the Oregon Trail with personal experiences of pioneer characters in historic events one hundred years ago.

Among his numbers, Mr. Monteith includes the traditional Zuni ceremonial to the rising sun, four of Homer Grunn's beautiful works, and Cadman selections.

Monteith is an impressive figure in his full Indian regalia. He meets his audiences informally and imparts to them much fascinating information on the Northwest upon which he is widely conversant.

The one o'clock luncheon, business session and program will be preceded by the semi-monthly department conferences in the public library assembly hall. Following the literature section meeting, a 11:45 o'clock the Bible section will convene with its curator, Mrs. W. A. Schwimley. Rev. A. E. Worthy, pastor of the Central Christian church, has selected as his subject "The Book of Acts," involving a general review and a spiritual message.

Friday Mrs. Schwimley attended the district conference at headquarters in Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Phelps and Mrs. L. W. Richardson.

Garden Pest Control Horticulture Topic—

Kenneth Pond of the Armstrong Nurseries will talk on "Garden Pests and Their Control" before the San Fernando Valley Horticultural society this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the lecture room of the public library.

The importance, practicability of complete control of the pests, and various types of injuries they cause will be discussed by the speaker. An open forum will follow when pertinent garden questions will be answered by Mr. Pond.

Valley gardeners are invited to attend this meeting and bring their horticulture problems.

Chapter FN, P. E. O. Met With Mrs. Heiman—

Mrs. G. E. Heiman, with Mrs. A. E. Phelps as co-hostess, was hostess to Chapter FN of the P. E. O. Saturday afternoon for a 12:30 luncheon and program which featured a talk by Mrs. Lucille Johnson on the Educational fund for Cottey College. Four visiting members were present.

The next meeting on March 3 will be held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Hunt of Canoga Park, who will be assisted by Miss Mary Coulter.

Woman Judge Talks at Junior Supper Program

Judge Oda Faulconer of San Fernando, charming and popular woman member of the bar, has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at a supper meeting Tuesday evening when the Van Nuys Junior Woman's club entertains the Junior group from Burbank.

Vocal selections will be rendered by Mrs. Francine Lane, accompanied by Mrs. Minnie Wetzstein.

Hostesses for the evening are Miss Ruth Middleton, Miss Lida Livingston, and Miss Neva Redman.

Teacher Takes Vows in Yuma—

Margaret Watson, member of the Van Nuys high school faculty, and John Blanchard of Seattle, Wash., were married in Yuma, Arizona, last week-end. The announcement comes as a surprise to Mrs. Blanchard's many friends here.

Luncheon, Tour Of L. A. Museum

Purple iris and yellow acacia in a spring-like mound formed a colorful centerpiece for the luncheon table where Mrs. A. V. Austine marked places for members of the College club Tuesday afternoon.

Their interests always following an educational trend, the coterie made a tour of the Southwest Museum following the luncheon.

Included were Mrs. William J. Murray, Mrs. Phebe Hubbell, Mrs. C. I. Thatcher, Mrs. Emma C. Albright, Mrs. Floyd N. High, Mrs. Stanley P. Twomey, Mrs. J. B. Mather, Mrs. C. E. Angier, Mrs. L. A. Larson, Mrs. Leland S. Welbourn, Mrs. Robbins, and Miss Isabel Ames.

Thirty-Six Women Guests at Luncheon—

Mrs. A. M. Harrison extended the hospitality of her home recently to Mrs. J. F. Dorsey's circle of the Presbyterian Woman's Aid for a delightful luncheon and afternoon of sewing. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Dorsey were assisted by Mrs. J. V. Root.

Spring flowers in a patriotic motif with tiny silk flags on the individual cakes, suggested the anniversaries of our two eminent statesmen this month. Places were marked for thirty-six.

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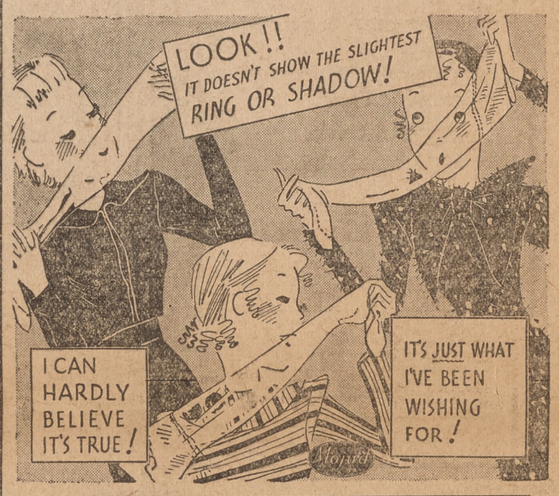

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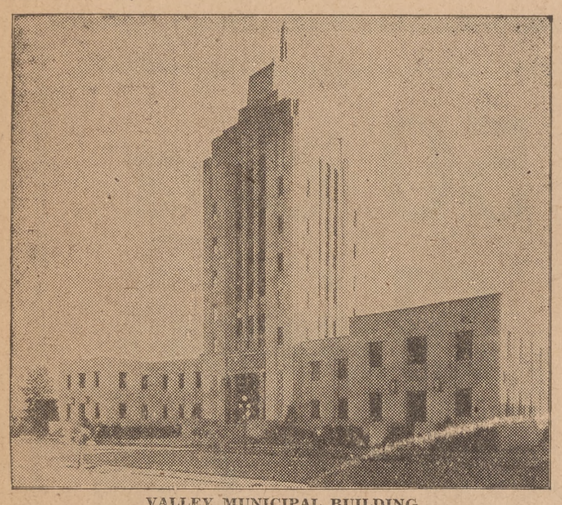
BRANCH MUNICIPAL BUILDING SERVES ENTIRE VALLEY ANNEX

One year ago today Van Nuys and the San Fernando Valley dedicated this $275,000 branch city hall, which serves the entire San Fernando Valley Annex area to the city of Los Angeles. It is the finest and most complete municipal building outside the metropolitan center in the limits of the city.



VALLEY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Barometer of Growth Van Nuys Community During Past 23 Years

The following statistics show the remarkable growth and development of the Van Nuys community during the period from 1911 to the present time:

Postoffice Receipts

1911	$ 409.71
1912	1,918.35
1913	1,977.73
1933	41,891.20

Patrons served by city and rural postoffice routes February 20, 1934:

City routes	1,824
Rural routes	2,604
Total	4,428

Bank Deposits

Sept. 12, 1914 (one bank)	$ 210,774.28
Feb. 20, 1934 (three banks)	$2,250,000.00

Registered Voters

1912	246
1914	603
1933 (28 precincts)	8,018

School Enrollment

	Pupils
1911 Elementary	15
1913 Elementary	128
1914 Elementary	200
High	29
1915 Elementary	189
High	59
1934 Elementary (7 schools)	2,225
High	1,544

Building Operations

	Amount	Dwellings
1913	$ 152,250	38
1933	$ 456,233	166
Banner year (1924)	$ 2,042,610	359
7 Year Period 1923-29 incl.	$11,103,697	2,559

Assessed Valuations

Land only Van Nuys Townsite 1917	382,100
Land only Van Nuys Townsite 1934	1,483,220
Entire Valley Annex 1917	14,002,070
Entire Valley Annex 1934	48,575,755
Water Works District No. 3 1917	11,319,620
Water Works District No. 3 1934	34,055,655
Total assessment valuation of entire Valley, including Burbank and San Fernando 1912	13,940,510
1934	70,241,180
Population (Van Nuys) 1914	500
Population (Van Nuys) 1934	15,500

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Here Are Five of Several Organizations That Have Proven Their Civic Worth

Chamber of Commerce

(Organized 1912)

Organized in 1912, the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce has played a very important part in the growth and development of this community through the twenty years it has served as the citizens main bulwark in securing needed public improvements and in attracting new settlers.

S. O. Houghton was the first president and there were about one hundred members enrolled at the time of organization.

R. D. LaVake

For the first six years the Chamber operated on a very limited budget, but, nevertheless, the enthusiasm, volunteer effort and cooperation of its members resulted in some notable achievements.

The schools, the paving and curbing of Van Nuys townsite streets, the Pacoima dam, the Valley water system, annexation to Los Angeles city, the development of the poultry industry, and widespread publicity for the community—in all of these the Chamber of Commerce had its part and performed its work well.

Sociability among the many new settlers coming into the community was fostered by frequent public gatherings, picnics and other means arranged by the Chamber.

After annexation to Los Angeles, the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce was enlarged and incorporated, a budget of approximately $5000 was raised and a paid secretary employed.

Present officers and directors are: R. D. LaVake, president; E. H. Slocum, vice-president; Morris Gaylen, treasurer; Ann Alexander, secretary; L. A. Phipps, Albert B. Morris, A. Schumacher, Bruce F. Allington, Mrs. G. H. Wetzstein, Dr. R. W. Post, Dan Wray, Harry R. Bevis, Thomas B. Shanon.

Van Nuys Rotary Club

(Organized 1925)

Organized in May, 1925, the Van Nuys Rotary club has assumed an important place in the community by the service it is rendering in contributing to civic development, and by its attention to underprivileged child work and the major objective of Rotary International, World Peace.

Offcers of the club are: Dr. W. M. Byers, president; J. V. Root, secretary; Rudolph Hoenig, treasurer; H. J. Albertson, sergeant-at-arms.

Dr. W. M. Byers

Directors—T. J. Morris, Albert S. Johnson, Herbert S. Wood, Dr. C. W. Carpenter.

Past presidents of the club are:

Fred A. Kellogg, 1925-26; Robert Hanley, 1926-27; G. Wallace Dickey, 1927-28; Capt. J. P. Inglis, 1928-29; Clive Webb, 1929-30; E. R. Bever, 1930-31; Victor J. Obegi, 1931-32; Cliff D. Carpenter, 1932-33.

Following are the members of the club:

H. J. Albertsen, George Bergstrom, D. C. Brown, Dr. W. M. Byers, Dr. Cliff D. Carpenter, J. D. Carter, Dr. M. W. Catterlin, C. C. Clark, Courtenay H. Clarke, Frank N. Cowdrey.

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W. W. Todd, Harold Viault, W. E. Westland, Paul Whitsett, Herbert S. Wood, R. J. Zarn.

Business Women's Club

(Organized 1929)

The Van Nuys Business and Professional Women's club was organized four years ago to promote the welfare of women employers and employees and to aid in worthy civic endeavor. Each year the club provides many Christmas baskets for the needy, devoting $50 to this work last Christmas.

This club has proved to be valuable unit in community life ever since its organization. Its regular meetings are held the first Monday in each month.

Officers are:

President, Mrs. Minnie M. Wetzstein; first vice-president, Mrs. Ruth Eaton; second vice-president, Miss Adah Van Bebber; secretary, Miss Neva Redman; treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Alcock; parliamentarian, Mrs. Katherine Ferguson; corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche Clay.

Directors, Miss Lucille Stensby, Miss Dorothy Bailey, Mrs. Edna Fardell and Mrs. Myrtle Vaughn.

Following is the membership roll:

Mildred D. Alcock, Margaret Allen, Blanche Clay, Maude Clark, Eva Duffy, Ruth Eaton, Marion Early, Edna Fardel, Katherine Ferguson, Esther Flatry.

Grace Gale, Lee Gaylen, Frances C. Jackson, Elmira E. Krueger, Florence M. Lewis, Ann Robinson, Neva Redman, Harriet Stiverson, Lucille Stensby, Jean Strickler, Betty Swan, Emma Lou Segner.

Ethel M. Taylor, Ruth Titus, Frances M. Thomas, Ada Van Bebber, Myrtle Vaughn, High School Faculty, Florence Wright, Ana Waber, Minnie M. Wetzstein.

Van Nuys Kiwanis Club

(Organized 1922)

The Van Nuys Kiwanis club, sponsor of today's Old Timers' and Founders' Day, was organized December 18, 1922. Key men, or founders, were Bert R. Holloway, Mark Grimes, Garret McHugh, Frank M. Keffer, Leo. B. Lesperance, Rupert L. Stewart, George W. Bunton, Robert J. Baird, Rodney L. Edwards and Walter Mendenhall.

Past presidents, and the year they served, are: Robert J. Baird, 1923; George E. Hume, 1924; Walter Mendenhall, 1925; J. W. Praiswater, 1926; S. O. Houghton and E. I. Edwards, 1927; Bruce F. Allington 1928; Dr. C. B. Canby, 1929; Floyd N. High, 1930; Mark C. Sutton, 1931; Norb F. Hargrove, 1932; H. H. A. Hastings, Jr., 1933.

Albert Morris

Present officers are Albert B Morris, president; Myrven M. Lawton, vice-president; Floyd N. High, treasurer; Ralph M. Albright, secretary; Dr. Raymond W. Post, sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the club are:

Ralph M. Albright, Bruce F. Allington, C. E. Angier, Arthur V. Austin, Chas. N. Bell, W. E. Bierkamp, A. J. Botlanger, C. C. Campbell, Dr. C. B. Canby, Geo. W. Clark, Chas. E. Cook, Jr., James P. Cronin.

R. R. Edwards, Rev. David Farquharson, Dr. Frederick H. Gautschi, Frank Ghiglia, Sam Goldsmith, Jr., Dr. E. E. Graham, Louis S. Granger, G. W. Hackley, H. H. A. Hastings, Jr., Gus Heiman, Floyd N. High, B. R. Holloway.

Frank M. Keffer, Rev. Edmond Keohan, Albert W. Krueger, Elbridge M. Kyle, Russell D. LaVake, Myrven M. Lawton, Robert E. McCumiskey, Irving H. Malin, Maurice W. Markham, Walter Mendenhall, E. C. Moore, Albert Morris.

Adolph E. Nordvold, Robert R. Parker, Dane L. Patterson, Ralph H. Peterson, Wm. J. Petit, Leslie A. Phipps, Kenyon Pierce, Dr. R. W. Post, John W. Praiswater.

W. A. Robinson, James M. Rumsey, John T. Russell, Geo. Simpson, Vinton D. Slocum, Harry C. Sorgenrey, Dr. G. T. Sprague, Mark C. Sutton, Henry L. Walleck, Dr. Leland S. Welbourn, W. P. Whitsett, Dan F. Wray, Dr. Chas Yunker.

Van Nuys Woman's Club

(Organized 1912)

Carrying a constructive civic program over a period of twenty-two years until it has become a leading unit among the suburban organizations of a state-wide federation, the Van Nuys Woman's club heartily joins in the celebration today of the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of this townsite.

Organized and federated in 1912, the club with an original membership charter of thirty-two, has increased its roster to an excess of one hundred and fifty names.

It maintains thirty individual and active departments and participates in district and county federation activities. This month the organization is contemplating a proposed $3500 building extension program for the improvement of the present club house and site, located at 14836 Sylvan street.

MRS. JOHN W. PRAISWATER

Officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Praiswater; vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Dunham; second vice-president, Mrs. L. A. Mountford; recording secretary, Mrs. Paul Stretch; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walter Crippen; financial secretary, Mrs. E. K. Scott; treasurer, Mrs. H. H. A. Hastings; federation secretary, Mrs. Earl R. Bever.

Directors: Mrs. C. I. Thacker, Mrs. C. E. Angier, Mrs. R. J. Zarn.

President Emeritus, Mrs. Lucy Lee Trotter.

Life member, Mrs. Ida Bailey.

Past presidents: Mrs. Lucy Lee Trotter, Mrs. Elizabeth Houghton, Mrs. Sarah E. Kellogg, Mrs. Carl B. Barkla, Mrs. Phebe Hubbell, Mrs. Charles H. Steere, Mrs. B. R. Holloway, Mrs. E. A. Moehn, Mrs. W. J. Murray, Mrs. C. I. Thacker, Mrs. Earl R. Bever.

Membership 1933-34

Miss Isabel Ames, Mrs. H. J. Albertsen, Mrs. Bruce Allington, Mrs. C. E. Angier, Mrs. A. V. Austin, Mrs. Ida S. Bailey, Mrs. R. B. Baldwin, Mrs. Carl Barkla, Mrs. E. R. Bever, Mrs. C. A. Bevis, Mrs. Alice Bills, Mrs. A. J. Boulanger, Mrs. H. S. Brown, Mrs. W. M. Byers, Mrs. Myrtle Bolick.

Mrs. E. L. Camp, Mrs. Maggie Carter, Mrs. Gerda E. Cary, Mrs. M. W. Catterlin, Mrs. T. E. Cleland, Mrs. O. R. Cooper, Mrs. Erceldean Crane, Mrs. Walter Crippen, Mrs. J. P. Cronin.

Mrs. Hugh Daugherty, Mrs. Emily Dixon, Mrs. Edith E. Dock, Mrs. Stanley Dunham,

Mrs. A. F. Gable, Jr., Mrs. Frank P. Ghiglia, Mrs. Alene Guild.

Mrs. W. C. Hall, Mrs. H. H. A. Hastings, Jr., Mrs. G. E. Heiman, Mrs. F. N. High, Mrs. B. R. Holloway, Mrs. C. H. Howatt, Mrs. J. S. Howie, Mrs. Phebe Hubbell.

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Mrs. Chas. Lane, Mrs. L. A. Larson, Mrs. F. E. Latch, Mrs. Harriet LaVake, Mrs. R. D. LaVake, Jr., Mrs. Arnold Leveen, Mrs. John H. Lionbarger, Mrs. Edith Livingston, Mrs. E. T. Lodge, Mrs. Charles Lyon.

Mrs. M. W. Markham, Mrs. C. J. Mason, Mrs. F. A. Mather, Mrs. J. B. Mather, Mrs. J. H. Maurer, Mrs. W. A. McCullough, Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Mrs. Clifton Mead, Mrs. Walter Mendenhall, Mrs. N. R. Messerly, Mrs. Frank R. Morgan, Mrs. T. J. Morris, Mrs. L. A. Mountford, Mrs. W. J. Murray.

Mrs. H. F. Newton.

Mrs. R. W. Oakes.

Mrs. Bob Parker, Mrs. Paul Peterson, Mrs. Ernest S. Phelps, Mrs. A. J. Pickrel, Mrs. John W. Praiswater, Mrs. S. G. Price.

Mrs Hattie Rathbun, Mrs. H. E. Reid, Mrs. Lee Richardson, Mrs. C. R. Riselay, Mrs. Walter Rour, Mrs. Eunice Rudolph.

Mrs. Emma Seekins, Mrs. R. L. Schoeffel, Mrs. W. A. Schwimley, Mrs. E. K. Scott, Mrs. W. B. Sipple, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Frank R. Smith, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Leland Spates, Mrs. W. T. Sprague, Miss Oletha Stearns, Mrs. Chas. Steere, Mrs. G. G. Steere, Mrs. F. M. Stewart, Mrs. Ralph B. Stewart, Mrs. Rupert L. Stewart, Mrs. G. E. Stewart, Mrs. Paul Stretch, Mrs. S. K. Strickler, Mrs. Sabin Sturtevant, Mrs. Adeline Swenson, Miss Mary E. Strong.

Mrs. C. I. Thacker, Mrs. Chas. G. Tingle, Mrs. Howard Trotter, Mrs. S. P. Twomey.

Miss Cora Upp.

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Dr. Maud Yunker.

Mrs. R. J. Zarn.

Honorary Members

Mrs. J. G. Carmichael, Mrs. Mary Farquharson, Mrs. John Lauby, Sister Superior and Companion, Mrs. A. E. Worthy, Mrs. W. Fay Butler, Mrs. Armand Mueller.

New and Reinstated Members

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LABELS FORGOTTEN

One writer bemoans the fact that no great fiction grew out of the prohibition experiment. Has he forgotten the labels?

VAN NUYS CELEBRATES ITS TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

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tensive scale. Telephone connections with Los Angeles. The Presbyterian church was erected. The First National Bank (now the California Bank) opened for business. The Woman's club and Chamber of Commerce were organized. Street lighting districts were formed.

Then Came Aqueduct Water

The year 1915 saw the most important development thus far in Van Nuys history, when this city, the greater part of Tract No. 1,000, and other parts of the San Fernando Valley annexed to the city of Los Angeles and thereby secured right to the use of water brought from the High Sierras through the Owens River aqueduct.

Connection was at once made with the distributing system that had been installed throughout the tract, and from that time the semi-arid condition of the tract was a thing of the past. Water under high pressure, in underground mains, and abundant in supply was available for domestic and irrigation use.

Following this great improvement, developments and settlement speeded up faster than ever. New subdivisions were opened, new capital flowed in for investment and the entire Valley from end to end became a beehive of industry and activity.

Many Street Improvements

Hundreds of miles of paved highways were constructed in the Valley and great wide paved arteries of traffic were built to connect the Valley with Los Angelse, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Glendale, Pasadena, Santa Monica and other points, all within a radius of twenty miles from the center of Van Nuys townsite.

The two great highways connecting Los Angeles and San Francisco, which traverse the Valley, were widened, repaved and bordered with ornamental lights.

Barley Field to City of 12,000

The growth and development of Van Nuys during the twenty-three years of its existence has been steady, substantial and sound. It led the way in 1911 for a greater and better San Fernando Valley and in 1934 it is still setting the pace.

From a bare barley field, the original area included in the Van Nuys townsite and surrounding acreage has grown to a population of over 12,000. Every modern convenience in the way of public utilities is available for its citizens, whether on city lots or on acreage homesites.

Administration Center

Van Nuys is the administrative center for Los Angeles city bureaus operating in the annexed area of San Fernando Valley and the home of hundreds of employees in these departments. A new branch city hall has been constructed here at a cost of $275,000 for the use of various city departments.

The public and parochial schools provide unsurpassed educational facilities. Fourteen church denominations have edifices for worship in Van Nuys.

Leading Commercial Center

Its business and financial district has made Van Nuys the leading commercial center in the Valley. Its large markets and other stores are the best in this wide area.

Modern homes on lots and acres, a great diversification of products, and the wonderful soil and climate make Van Nuys community the ideal location for those who wish to live in the great outdoors of Southern California, and at the same time enjoy all the advantages of a great city.

Van Nuys' past is glorious, and a worthy monument to all who have had part in its development.

And Now for the Future

The future is ahead, and there is not another spot in the world that has more, if as much, to offer homeseekers. The small successful farms of this community are the best answer as to where the soundest security is in times of economic distress.

Given the same enthusiasm, the same zeal, the same cooperation and the same backbone that has marked its past, the entire Van Nuys community will weather all storms and double its population in the next ten years, and present realty values will be a lasting dream of regret to those who seek our doors and turn aside.

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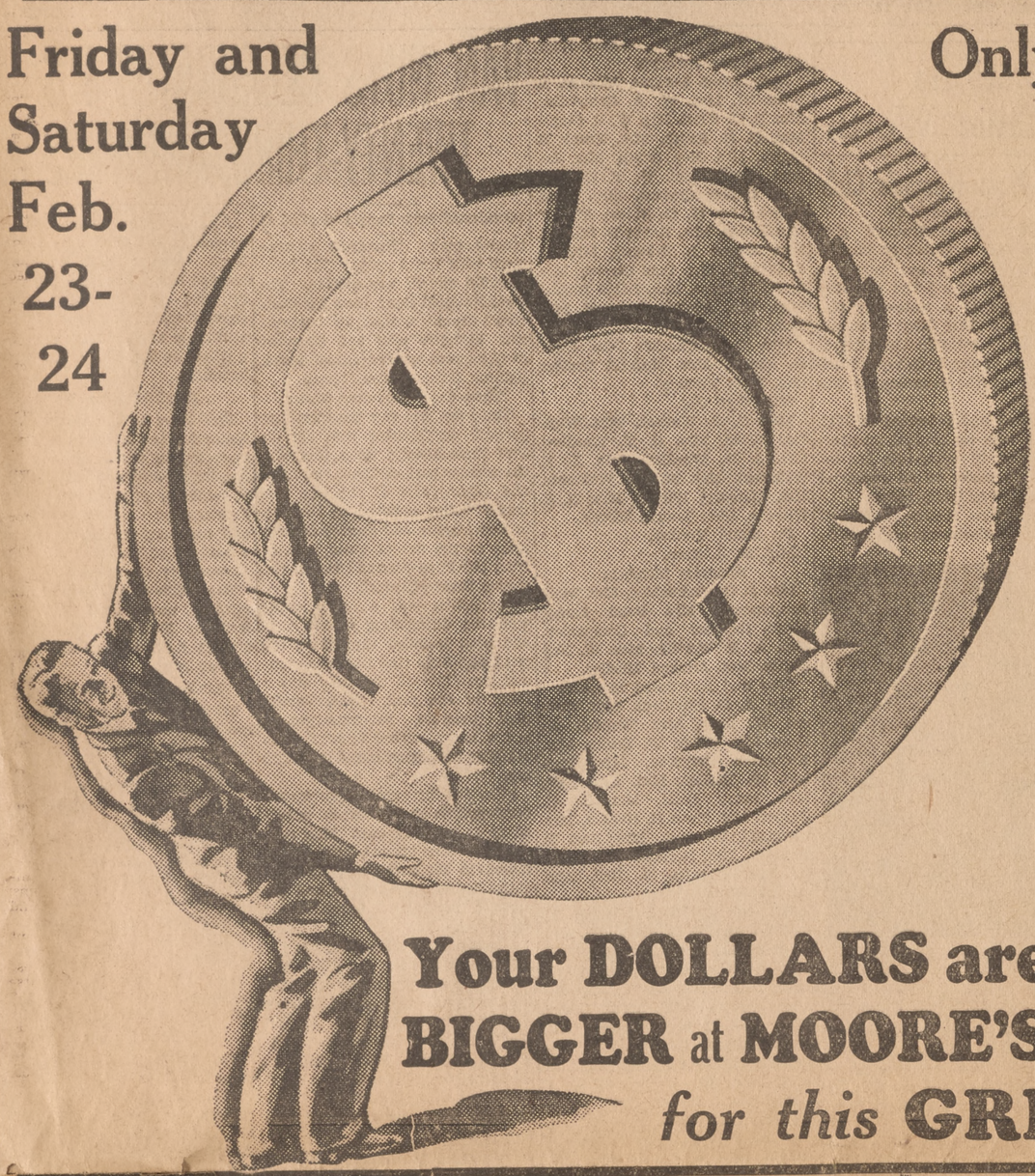

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SUGAR, Fine Granulated, 5 lbs. 23c
SPICES, All Kinds, Enterprise Brand, 2 2-oz. Cans 15c
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FANCY RED APPLES 7 lbs 25c
Imperial Valley Grapefruit 10 for 15c
RIPE BANANAS Fancy No. 1 7 lbs 25c
LARGE NAVEL ORANGES 3 doz 25c
Washed Burbank Potatoes 16 lbs 25c

Farewell Shower Given Mrs. Russell Bills—

Mrs. Russell Bills of Van Nuys, who is leaving with her family for Crossfield, Alberta, Canada Tuesday, was complimented at a farewell party last Sunday, given by Miss Sylvia Knudsen of Burbank.

Guests were Mrs. Mary Whitney, Mrs. Glenn Lutes, Mrs. Ethel Walport, Mrs. D. Bills, Mrs. Martha Van Evera, Mrs. John F. Moore, Mrs. V. J. Wood, Mrs. Florence Wood, Miss Oleta Bills, Miss Vivian Morrison, Van Nuys; Mrs. Martha Wood, Mrs. Bessie Rhilander, Mrs. Mae Ellis of Los Angeles, Mrs. Edith Schroff and Mrs. Mae Emigh of Ojai, Mrs. Gladys Van Tress of Santa Ana.

Honor Grand O. E. S. Officers Friday—

Van Nuys chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will participate tomorrow evening in the reception and program honoring the grand officers of the state of California, to be held in Burbank Masonic Temple. The local chapter, will send a delegation of more than fifty members.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foxall of this city have as a house guest, an aunt, Mrs. E. S. Sargeant of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Samuel J. Woody, twentieth district president of the American Legion Auxiliary, returned yesterday from San Francisco where she attended the midyear state executive committee meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morrison and son, Kenneth of Van Nuys, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Peterson of San Fernando, attended the National Orange Show at San Bernardino Tuesday.

Receiving word of the death of his father, Fred Morgan is leaving tomorrow by motor for Iowa where he will attend to funeral arrangements for the deceased.

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MEETING OUTLINED VALLEY PROJECTS

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Loan association, said that the discovery of Boren in irrigation water, water rights difficulties and red tape were the principal reasons why it is difficult to make federal farm loans in the Valley.

Secretary Thurlow S. Cully was instructed to determine reasons why the County Welfare Department assertedly has been purchasing beans outside of the district, when beans are available locally for purchase by the county.

Hugo Carlson, representing the Valley agriculture advisory council, which is encouraging the addition of more intensive agriculture curriculi in Valley schools, gave a report of the work of his committee.

The San Fernando high school orchestra, directed by Charles G. Tingle, furnished entertainment. Almost 70 persons were present. President Lee W. Miller presided.

The Associated Chambers have accepted an invitation to meet in the North Los Angeles Woman's club March 12, when Supervisor Roger Jessup and E. C. Eaton, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, will explain proposed flood control measures.

POSTS TO OBSERVE AMERCANISM DAY

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state champions, directed by Harriet Catterlin.

Introducing the speaker of the evening, Clarence L. Kincaid, former presiding judge of the Municipal Court, Los Angeles.

Initiation of candidates for the American Legion by the initiatory team of the Van Nuys Post, American Legion. Initiation of candidates for American Legion Auxiliary by the initiatory team of the Van Nuys unit American Legion Auxiliary.

Numbers by the American Legion Auxiliary Glee club and the Chanticleers, both from Van Nuys.

One act play of Civil War days by members of American Legion Auxiliary, assisted by members of Reseda Post American Legion, driected by Mrs. O. H. Thorson.

Retiring of the Colors, taps.

GRAVES LOSES APPEAL

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doned in September, 1929, when a large slide disclosed that the structure was located on a defective rock base.

The board of supervisors, acting as ex-officio members of the Los Angeles county flood control district, was notified by counsel that they were not liable for damages. However, the board effected a settlement of the contractors' claim in January, 1930.

Testimony indicated that Graves appeared in San Francisco a week later with $57,000 in currency. Evidence indicated other large financial transactions.

VAN NUYS LIBRARY

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was formally opened.

Now began a period of expansion. Under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Penny a pageant was given, the proceeds from which went to purchase books, an outright gift from the community to the library John Lee purchased twenty-five dollars worth of books, especially selected, to add to those. Mrs. A. V. Austin promoted a newspaper drive for old papers to be sold for the purchase of books and Geo. Lowry, a book drive for gifts of old books. The San Fernando Horticultural Society, the Southern California Garden club and sections of the Van Nuys Woman's club which hold meetings in the library have given yearly subscriptions to magazines and books of especial interest to their members. All the time there are many individuals supplying needed books and magazines. Certainly no community has ever given more consistent support to its library. The recent book drive received the same generous response.

It is interesting to look over some of the earlier records. In April, 1919, a note explains that the library was closed April 8th to 19th because of the lack of a custodian, hence the circulation for the month was smaller. In 1916-17 there were 318 card holders and the annual circulation was 6,631. In 1932-33 the circulation for the year was 173,343 and the number of card holders had increased to 5,079. In January, 1934, circulation for the month was 17,-206, just about twice the annual circulation of 8,632 for the year 1917-18.

Wedding Attendants Guests at Party—

Miss Lucile Zukos and her fiance, George Teunis, gave a Saint Valentine bridge party for members of their bridal party who will attend them in June when they will be married at the Wee Kirk in Glendale.

Red and white flowers were used throughout the house making a very pretty background for the event. At midnight, a supper was served by the hostess and her mother.

Guests were Miss Maxine Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Raab, and Harold McComb of Hollywood, Miss Evelyn Naumann and Frank Malin of Los Angeles, Miss Gertrude Tucker, Miss Amanda Davis, Miss Catherine Munster, Miss Marrion Mayte, Dwight Odell and Paul Zukos of Van Nuys.

Fellowship Hour for Methodists Wednesday—

Announcement is made by the First Methodist church of a pot luck dinner and fellowship hour Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 o'clock to which both members and friends are welcome.

Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, editor of the Epworth Herald and an official Epworth League convention speaker, will be featured in an address at 8 o'clock.

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Quail Pink Salmon Tall Can 13c

Holly Cleanser 3 Cans 10c

Brookfield BUTTER lb Challenge lb 27c 26c

LUX FLAKES small pkg 9c large pkg 21c

Quail PEARS 2½ can 17c

C & H Cloth Bags Sugar 10 lbs Pure Cane 43c

Iris Refugee Beans No. 2 can 14c

French's Bird Seed 2 pkgs 25c

Snowflake CRACKERS 1 lb pkg 15c 2 lb pkg 28c

Hershey's COCOA 1-5 lb 5c ½ lb 10c 1 lb 15c

HOLLY LYE 3 cans 25c

VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT

TURNIPS 2 bunches
CARROTS 2 bunches
Celery Fresh, Crisp stalk
1c

PEAS Fresh, Green lb 5c

APPLES Pippins 10 lbs 25c

BANANAS 5 lbs 19c

Potatoes 12 lb 23c

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ROASTING Chickens lb **25c**

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100 PER CENT PURE
PORK SAUSAGE lb **14c**

SWEET PICKLED
BEEF TONGUES lb **13c**

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Prime RIBS Boned Rolled, lb **19c**

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Fresh Salmon Steaks, lb.....**19c**
Fresh Mackerel, lb.....**5c**
Large N. Y. Count Oysters, Doz.....**27c**

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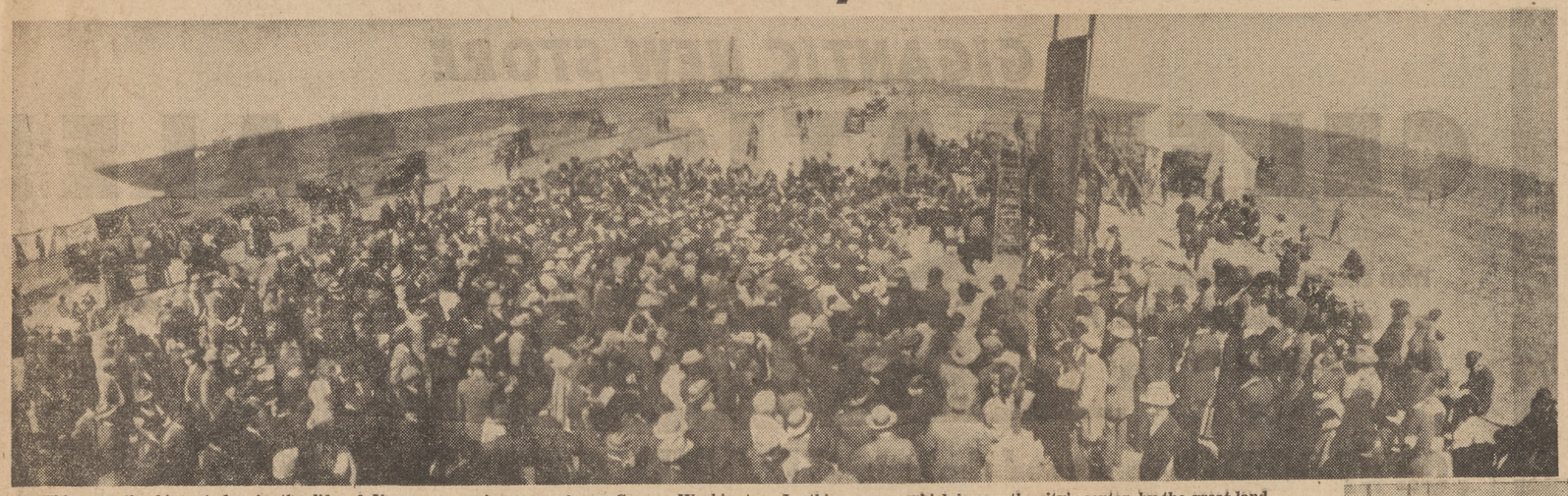
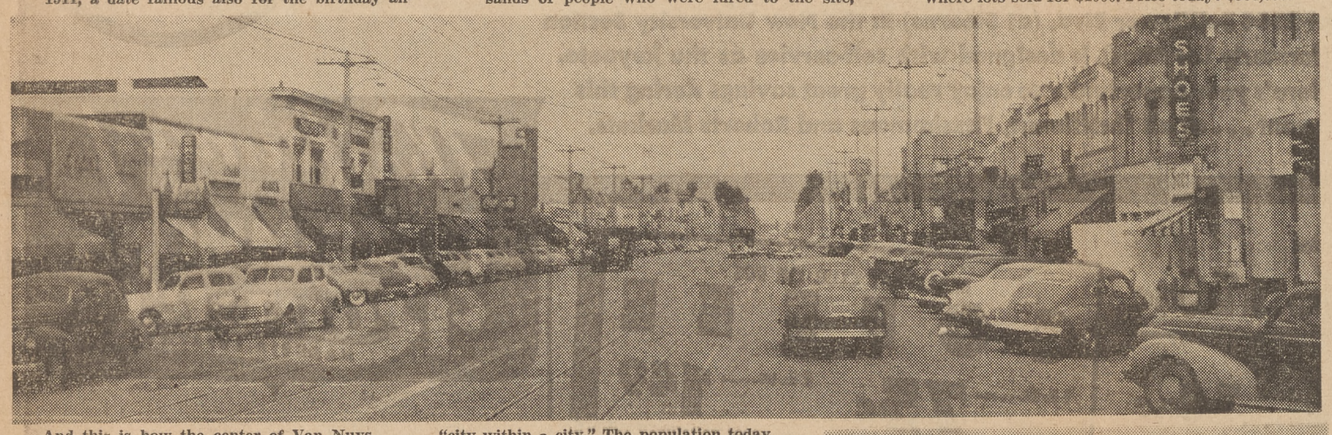
Growth of San Fernando Valley From Cattle Range to Metropolitan Area Told



This was the biggest day in the life of Van Nuys, Cal.—the day it was founded, Feb. 22, 1911, a date famous also for the birthday anniversary of one George Washington. In this old-fashioned photograph are some of the thousands of people who were lured to the site, which is now the city's center, by the great land auction. The road is now Van Nuys boulevard, where lots sold for $1000. Price today: $300,000.

Van Nuys grew and prospered rapidly. Sturdy buildings soon replaced shacks and tents. New streets, sidewalks and power lines gave the place a proud look that left no doubt of progress. And, don't laugh, those autos were high-class.



And this is how the center of Van Nuys looks today—40 years after a fabulous growth from the wide-open spaces to a "city within a city." The population today is 63,693. Among its big problems: it needs more rapid transportation to L. A.

Van Nuys Emerges From Ranch

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the historical background, development and hopes of communities adjacent to and part of the Los Angeles Metropolitan area. Today—a look into San Fernando Valley, famed in story and song, and its main artery—Van Nuys.

By MAX POLLARD

San Fernando Valley, today a lush fertile area with growing communities embracing 212 square miles and 438,000 people, has only to look back about 100 years, to see itself as a land of enormous sheep and cattle ranches. It was a semi-arid country where carefree Spanish families reigned and parted with their property lightly with no regard for its future value.

The territory didn't make much of a splash on the American scene until the Yankee pioneer spirit began to assert itself at the conclusion of the Civil War. A shrewd San Francisco businessman named Isaac Lankershim cast his eyes southward and saw great possibilities.

With a syndicate known as the San Francisco Farm Homestead Association, which he organized, he bought up 59,500 acres in the southern half of the valley. The price was $115,000.

GROW WHEAT, BARLEY

Isaac Newton Van Nuys, another businessman with vision, pooled his resources with Lankershim and organized the Los Angeles Farm and Milling Co.

Wheat and barley soon became important crops in the area, with a bumper yield in 1888 of 510,000 bushels.

The company established a mill in Los Angeles to process valley products, and much of the grain was shipped to Liverpool, England.

The land was suitable only for grazing and dry farming, but these operations continued for 33 years.

Then, in 1909, the Farm and Milling Co., decided to go out of the farming business. In a four-day auction, advertised as "the Auction of the Century," thousands of horses, mules and cattle were put on the block, along with wagons, scrapers, gang plows, mowing machines, saddle shops, blacksmith shops and warehouses.

SYNDICATE TAKES OVER

The grain growing era in the valley was ending. The stage was being set for a new period of sub-divisions and irrigation projects to make way for an expanding Los Angeles.

The following year, the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, a syndicate organized by the Harry Chandler-General Harrison Gray Otis interests, acquired most of the former holdings of the Van Nuys and Lankershim families in the valley.

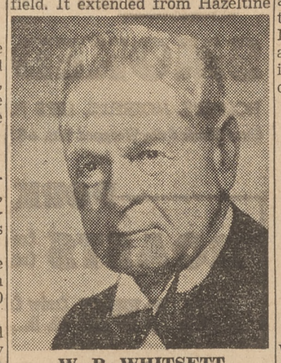
Members of the syndicate included Gen. M. H. Sherman, suburban railway builder; H. J. Whitley, "Father of Hollywood," and O. F. Brant, head of the Title Insurance Co. For 47,500 acres, they paid $2,500,000. Eventually, the group acquired control over 108,000 acres of land in the valley.

Scarcity of water was the only stumbling block to the valley's future. However, the Owens River Aqueduct was under construction and needed three more years for completion.

TOWNS BLOSSOM

The rosy prospect touched off a land boom in the valley. Three townsites were planned immediately—Van Nuys, Reseda and Owensmouth, but Van Nuys got off to such a good start, it set back for a few years the promotion of Owensmouth and Reseda.

The site set aside for the building of Van Nuys was one square mile in the center of a barley field. It extended from Hazeltine west to Kester, and from Oxnard northward for one mile. Van Nuys boulevard, named Sherman boulevard originally, was plotted through the middle to intersect Ventura boulevard north and south.



W. P. WHITSETT
He Was One of the Founders of Van Nuys

W. P. Whitsett, a former Pennsylvania coal operator who had come to California in 1905 for his health, was engaged in the real estate business around Huntington Park when he decided to interest himself in the development in the San Fernando Valley.

VAN NUYS IS BORN

For $176,000 he bought half of the Van Nuys townsite and advertised a land auction sale.

It was a big event for the valley. It was an era when the United States was making a cautious comeback from the 1907 panic.

D. W. Griffith was getting launched as a Hollywood movie director in an embryonic industry; a sweet young, golden-haired Miss named Mary Pickford was earning the fabulous sum of $5 a day before the movie cameras.

The auction lured thousands to the townsite. They came chugging through Cahuenga Pass in their brass-rimmed buggies, honking their rubber horns as they went. They clattered to the scene in buckboards. They rumbled in aboard special Southern Pacific trains—excursion rates from Los Angeles 60 cents.

Sales totaled $250,000 the opening day. Property on Van Nuys boulevard sold for $20 per foot, $1000 a lot. Today the same property sells for $1500 a foot, about $300,000 a lot.

On Dec. 16 of that year, Pacific Electric Railway extended its lines into Van Nuys, establish regular daily service. Fares were 45 cents one way; 75 cents round trip.

The community grew and prospered. Settlers by the thousands moved in. Diversified farms replaced grain fields, sub-divisions sprang up. Property values skyrocketed 30, 60 and 100-fold.

On March 20, 1915, Van Nuys, along with her sister communities of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Pacoima and Roscoe, (now known as Sun Valley) voted overwhelmingly to become part of the city of Los Angeles.

BECOMES CENTER

Today, with an eight-story miniature of the Los Angeles City Hall rising majestically above its downtown district of fine stores and shops, Van Nuys has become the hub of the San Fernando Valley. It is a "city within a city"—the administrative center of the valley because of its prestige and location in the exact geographical center of the valley.

With a population of 63,693, Van Nuys is a community of middle-class folk who live in comfortable homes on wide, tree-shaded streets, and who take an active part in the area's civic enterprises.

Van Nuys has two chief problems. It must have more rapid transportation. It takes almost two hours for a resident to reach the center of Los Angeles by Pacific Electric train. It also must have more industries because half of the community's working population must go out of town to get to work.

SEES BIG FUTURE

However, a number of new enterprises have moved in in recent years—the Chevrolet assembly plant which employs 2000, and Lockheed's testing center, employing 1600.

But James G. Moran, secretary-manager of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, says that isn't enough for a community whose population jumped from 20,000 in 1940 to 63,693 in 1950. He confidently predicts that in a few years, Van Nuys will have a population of 200,000.

Occasionally an over-zealous resident will clamor for secession from Los Angeles and establishment of Van Nuys as an independent city. But the overwhelming majority of the community appears to be satisfied.

They like their honorary mayor, Andy Devine, the actor, with the gravel voice, who calls Van Nuys his home.

The year 1911 inscribed on the face of the old Van Nuys Hotel, one of the first brick and block buildings built there. Note "We Have Acreage to Sell" sign.

Under construction in background is the first Southern Pacific passenger station in Van Nuys. Many of the land buyers who rushed to the auction arrived aboard special trains on the line. Excursion rates from Los Angeles, 60 cents.

Rising majestically today over the downtown district of Van Nuys is an eight-story miniature of Los Angeles City Hall. It is the hub of San Fernando Valley.

A truly great day in the young life of the city was Dec. 16, 1911. For on that day the Pacific Electric Railway extended its lines into Van Nuys, establishing regular daily service. This picture was taken on that day, as crowds of the inhabitants and folks from nearby towns gathered for the inaugural ceremony. Fares were 45 cents one way; 75 cents round trip. Land tract office (left) did booming business.

Man Charges Hormones Changed Him to Woman

By Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 5.—A Bayonne, N. J., chemical worker, who claims his job changed him from a man to a woman, wants $450,000 in damages.

a woman, wants $450,000 in damages.

In a suit filed yesterday against Specific Pharmaceuticals, Inc., of Bayonne, 32-year-old John Stepnowski asked $300,000 and his wife, Mary $150,000.

He charged he was "poisoned by a substance which brought about effemination, or transformation of his gender from masculine to feminine and, as a result, has been rendered impotent."

Stepnowski's complaint, filed in Hudson County Court, said he inhaled particles of stilbesterole, a chemical containing female sex hormones, while working at the Specific plant in November and December of 1950.

His suit also contended that other particles were absorbed through his pores and that the injury has affected his earning power and mental attitude.

Premiere

Film Opening Will Aid Tracy Clinic

Los Angeles society and Hollywood film figures will turn out tonight for the world premiere of "Father's Little Dividend" at the Egytian Theater, with all proceeds going to the John Tracy Clinic for Pre-School Deaf Children and their Parents.

Mrs. Spencer Tracy, wife of the star of the M-G-M comedy, and president-founder of the clinic, will be in the reception line with Maureen O'Hara, Cyd Charisse, Janet Leigh, Diana Lynn, Nancy Olsen and Vera-Ellen.

Head of the women's auxiliary of the clinic is Mrs. C. Logan-Jones, with Keith Randolph as chairman of the parents' auxiliary and Edward J. Mannix as head of the committee sponsoring the premiere.

Before the showing of the film, George Murphy will describe the work of the clinic and introduce Mr. and Mrs. Tracy.

Baby Leroy

One-Time Child Star MayJoin Armed Forces

Baby LeRoy of film fame shocked many persons into an awareness of their age today with an announcement that he is thinking about enlisting for military service.

Baby LeRoy, whose real name is Ronald LeRoy Overacker, now is 18 years old, oxer 6 feet tall, and in his second semester at Los Angeles City College.

His first appearance in pictures with Maurice Chevalier in "A Bedtime Story" in 1933 was followed by numerous others. His more recent Hollywood contacts have been as helper in his stepfather's Sunset Strip delicatessen.

Order Poultry Inspection

Chicken growers in unincorporated county territory will be able to have poultry inspected by the county so as to meet requirements of incorporated cities. The board of supervisors ordered the ordinance prepared on motion of Supervisor Herbert C. Legg, who said that county chicken growers were barred from selling in Los Angeles and Long Beach, which have inspection laws. Chicken raisers will have to pay inspection costs.

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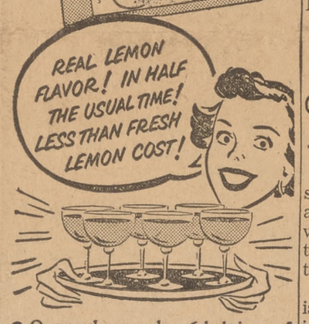

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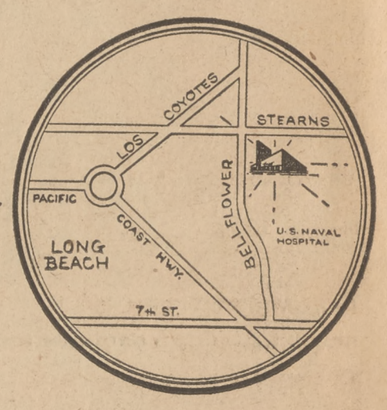

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BUTTER Jerseymaid 1st quality ctn. ....lb. **75c**

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CRACKERS Sta Crisp Soda lb. pkg. **19c**

DESSERTS ROYAL GELATINE 3¼ oz. pkg..... **4/25c**

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ROASTS Center Cuts, lb. **65c** Rib End, lb.. **45c**

CHOPS Center Cut Rib, lb..... **69c** Rib End, lb... **49c**

SLICED BACON HORMEL'S DAIRY SEAL PACK GRADE A lb. **59c** HORMEL'S MIDWEST, lb. **41c**

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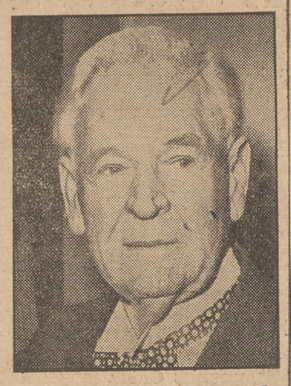
Van Nuys Leads Great San Fernando Valley Growth

—Old Photos Property of Security-First National Bank, and W. P. Whitsett, Van Nuys Founder

Forty-five years ago, Van Nuys had a population of nothing. Today, almost 100,000 people live there. It was "born" on Washington's birthday in 1911. The picture above was taken on that day—the day thousands of persons converged on the area to attend a big barbecue...and buy property.

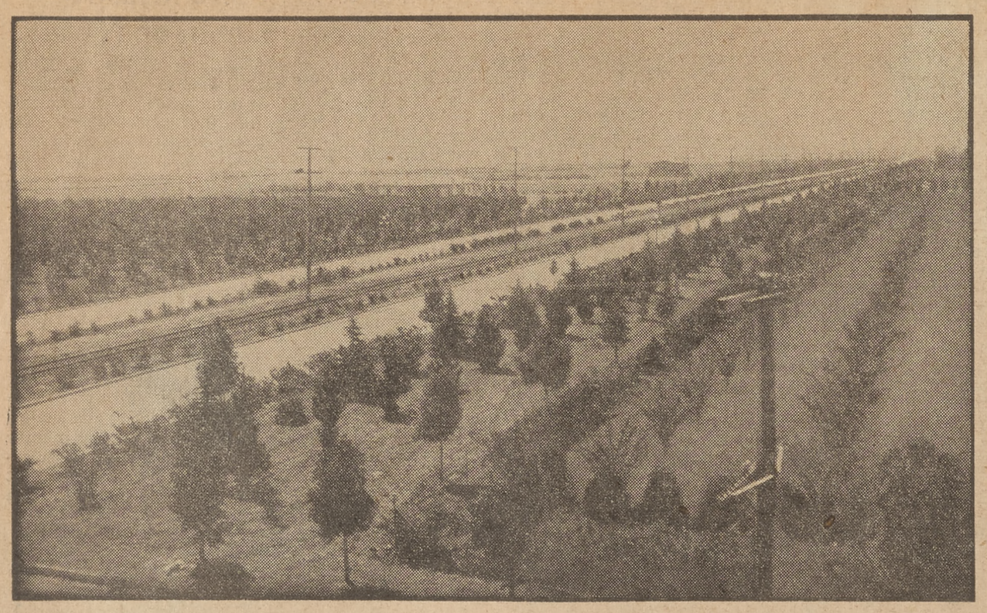
They came by auto, horse and buggy, and on special Southern Pacific excursion tickets from Los Angeles for 60 cents per round trip. The 50-foot lots they bought along Van Nuys blvd. for $1000 today are worth over $300,000.



W. P. Whitsett, who started the big boom in 1911, still lives in Van Nuys.

Threshing time in the 1890s was a maze of men, horses, mules, wagons and equipment. Wagonteams would bring cut barley to a central threshing machine.

Van Nuys, 1955—along the boulevard bustling with business. It looks upon itself as the capital city of San Fernando Valley...pretty good for a place that was a barley field 45 years ago. Big promotion campaign did the trick.



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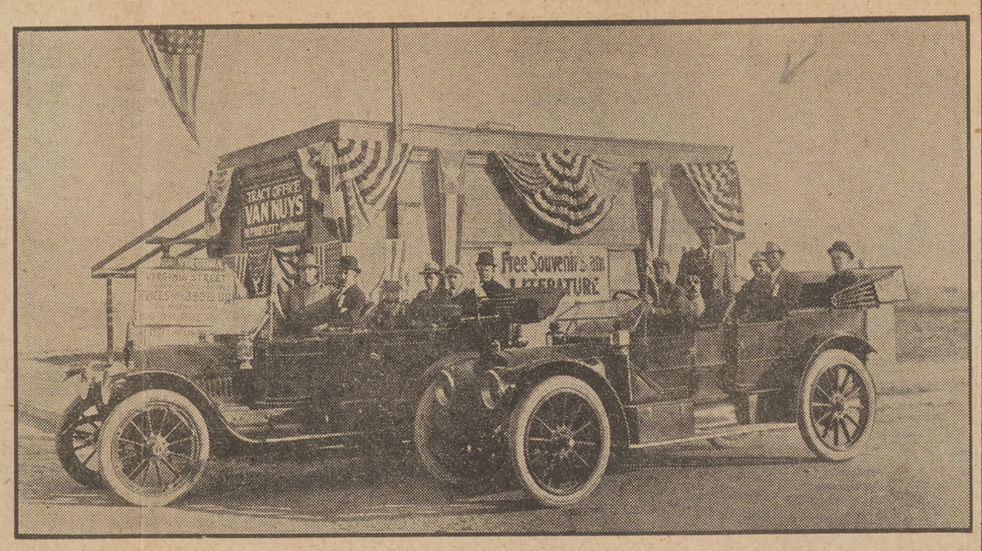

Here's Whitsett's tract office and two carloads of salesmen, some of whom he "imported" from as far away as Chicago. Whitsett is standing on opposite running board of car at right.

The Town in 1912

Here's how Van Nuys blvd. looked in 1912, just one year after the boom began.

A big day in the life of Van Nuys was Dec. 16, 1911—the day the Pacific Electric Railway extended its lines there and established daily service. People from all over the Southland poured in to see inaugural ceremonies.

First Hotel In Van Nuys

The first Van Nuys Hotel was built in 1911. It was one of the first brick and block buildings in the area.

City Was Grain Field In 1911

By ART HEWITT

San Fernando Valley was built on "notes" and "credit," a considerable amount of foresight and the prospect of water flowing from the High Sierras.

Van Nuys, a barley field when it was born on Washington's birthday in 1911, came into being the same way.

The community got its chance in 1909 when the Los Angeles Farm and Milling Co. of the Lankershim and Van Nuys families decided that the great valley was a place for rearing people instead of raising crops.

The 47,000 acres of the south half of the valley was sold to a Los Angeles syndicate for $2,500,000 under a deal in which little money changed hands.

Barbecue Brings People to Town

The one-square mile townsite which became Van Nuys was laid out in 1911. W. P. Whitsett, now 80, and still a resident of Van Nuys, purchased a half interest in the townsite. The price was $176,000, but only $30,000 cash was needed for a down payment.

The first thing to be built was a depot on the Southern Pacific's Chatsworth line. This was needed to locate the center of the town. The second building was a real estate office, and then to give the place a "home-like" atmosphere, Whitsett built 100 houses.

A tremendous barbecue brought thousands of persons chugging in autos and bouncing in buckboards through Cahuenga Pass for the town's gala premier. Others came by train on special SP excursion tickets from Los Angeles for 60 cents roundtrip.

On the opening day in 1911 land sales were $250,000. Fifty-foot lots along Van Nuys blvd. brought $1000. The same lot today would sell for more than $300,000. When the Pacific Electric arrived later that year business boomed.

Except for business property, Whitsett had established the subdivision for five-acre plots. After World War I he toured Europe and was impressed with the small farm plots of the Continent.

Now Population Center of Calif.

He decided that a family could sustain itself with a little land and good water even in bad times. So, to set up his "garden acre," Whitsett developed thousands of acres into 100-foot by 300-foot plots. These are the plots which today are rapidly being subdivided into three and four lots for modern city dwelling.

Van Nuys became a part of Los Angeles, along with Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Pacoima and Roscoe (Sun Valley), in 1915. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of annexation.

Van Nuys, in the exact center of the valley, looks upon itself as the capital city of San Fernando, and it is the hub for 16 other communities that surround it, W. O. Lindstrom, president of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, said.

In addition to that, close to the intersection of Vanowen st. and Van Nuys blvd. in Van Nuys, is the population center of all California.

With its eight-story City Hall, replica of the real thing in downtown Los Angeles, Van Nuys is the administrative center for local government in the valley.

Forty-five years ago Van Nuys had a population of nothing. Today it is still busting out all over in its growth. Population of Van Nuys is now just short of 100,000.

Red Gunboat Blasted By Chiang Air Force

TAIPEH, Formosa, April 9 (UP)—Nationalist Chinese warplanes blasted a 100-ton Chinese Communist gunboat in the Formosa Strait off the Fukien coast, an air force communique reported today.

The gunboat was set afire and crewmen were seen jumping into the sea, the communique said.

Official Nationalist quarters voiced fears today that the Chinese Reds might try to wrest control of the skies over the strait from Chiang Kai-shek's Air Force.

A highly reliable Nationalist Chinese source said the Reds were working on airfields "in depth" throughout South China and long had been operational out of Ningpo near Shanghai and White Cloud near Canton.

The Nationalists said the Red air buildup was ahead of schedule.

These reports were made known on the eve of the arrival in Taipei of Adm. M. Pride, commander of the United States Seventh Fleet.

Another American military chief, Gen. Robert Pepper, commander of the United States Marines in the Pacific, was scheduled to join Pride in Taipei Monday.

The visit of both officers was described as "routine," but significantly coincided with reports of growing Red air strength in South China, a development which could portend a new crisis in the Formosa Strait.

LOWELL LYONS JR.
Held as Mastermind of Burglary Ring

JAMES C. POPE
Admits Part in Burglaries, Police Say

PAUL FERGUSON
Nabbed in Roundup, Held On Alaska Warrant

ERNEST W. GALLO
Mink Coats Found in His Home, Police Report

Peiping Radio Starts Buildup

Reds Propagandize For Afro-Asian Meet

By MARVIN STONE
Far Eastern Director, International News Service

TOKYO, April 9 (INS)—Communist China launched today a long-awaited buildup for next week's epochal Afro-Asian conference and served notice she will strive to turn all Asia agains the West.

Peiping radio, in a 2000-word rebroadcast of a speech by a Communist leader declared that the Red-tinged "five principles of peaceful coexistence should be the Magna Charta that governs present day international relations."

The speech by Chinese delegate Kuo Mo-Jo to a meeting in Delhi of Asian nations was taken as an effort to set the stage for Communist demands on the 29 nations that will convene April 18 in Bandung, Indonesia.

FIVE 'PRINCIPLES'

The so-called five principles were first developed and mutually accepted by Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai and India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. They are:

1. "Mutual respect" for the other's sovereignty.

2. Mutual non-aggression agreements.

3. Non-interference in the other's internal politics.

4. Equality and mutual benefit.

5. Peaceful coexistence.

Both Chou and Nehru will play leading roles in the Bandung conference, originally Nehru's "dream baby" to gather together a vast bloc of powers to promote good neighborliness."

Chou will lead a Red Chinese delegation of 120 officials, five times more than the sponsoring Colombo powers invited.

CHOW'S PROGRAM

On the basis of today's Peiping radio broadcast, Chou will conduct a drive to rally the Asian powers, and those African nations he can also pull in, behind this program:

1. Acceptance by all of the five principles of coexistence which means in effect acceptance of Red China as the recognized leader of Asia.

2. Opposition to "nuclear, bacteriological and chemical weapons of mass destruction."

3. Solution of Asia's "three major problems"—Formosa, Indo-China and Korea.

4. Opposition to the western-led SEATO pact and "foreign occupation" of Goa and Malaya, plus an end to "American occupation" of military bases in Asia.

Art Experts Judge 1418 Exhibit Entries

A jury comprised of three well known art critics and one artists from Los Angeles and vicinity in the annual exhibition sitting in judgment today on the 1418 entries submitted by 847 of America's leading painters is of artists at the County Museum in Exposition Park.

The panel consists of Painter Jack Levine; Thomas C. Howe, director of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor at San Francisco; Professor Albert Stewart of Scripps College, and Frederick Sweet, curator of the Art Institute of Chicago. They will award a total of $5000 in prize money provided by the Junior Art Council to winners in three categories—oil painting, water colors and sculpture.

Following the announcement of winning entries at a reception the evening of May 12, the public may view the exhibition for six weeks at the museum.

—Herald-Express Photos

SUSPECT IN BURGLARY RING ROUNDUP
Shirley Cooper, 22, Believed to Be Secretary of Alleged Ringleader, Among Five Persons Nabbed

Christian Science Lectures Slated For L. A. Area

The following free Christian Sciences Lectures will be given by members of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, as follows:

Robert S. Van Atta, C. S., of Rochester, N. Y.

Sunday, April 10, at 3 p. m., in American Legion Hall, 9026 Sunland blvd., Sun Valley (Twenty-second Church Los Angeles.)

Lela May Aultman, C. S., of Denver, Colo.

Friday, April 15, at 12 noon in Manchester Theater, 322 W. Manchester ave., Los Angeles (Twenty-third Church.)

Saturday, April 16, at 3 p. m., in Twenty-seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, 2737 Sunset blvd., Los Angeles.

Ella H. Hay, C. S., of Indianapolis, Ind.

Friday, April 15, at 8 p. m., in Twenty-sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, 470 North St. Andrews pl., Los Angeles.

Attorney's Ring

'Phantom Burglar' Confesses

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die ave., girl friend of Lyons; Thomas Morgan, 37, 15138 Burbank blvd., Van Nuys; Thomas Robert Lyle, 52, of San Francisco, and Dann Rio, 25, 3976B Sawtelle blvd., Culver City.

Mrs. Ferguson was released later today. All were booked either for suspicion of burglary or receiving stolen property, except for Ferguson, who was held on an Alaska warrant in connection with a jewel theft case there.

A 17-year-old girl was picked up, but was turned over to relatives after questioning.

MUCH LOOT SOLD

Other arrests were expected today.

Police said it might take weeks to trace all of the loot, because much of it apparently was disposed of through fences.

Lieut. G. C. Armstrong jr., and Sgt. Jack Hooper, both of the West Los Angeles Division, said they got a lead on Lyons and the others through Gallo **and immediately assigned 25 detectives to work full time tailing the suspects.**

Detectives said the gang was tied to more than 40 burglaries in the Brentwood, Bel-Air, Pacific Palisades and Westwood area.

All of the thefts followed the same "MO." Entry was made by removing a screen from a window or French door and then prying open a window or door. In all of the cases they took frozen meats and whisky, and always left some expensive piece of jewelry or fur coat for the owner.

Mrs. Reid Quits As Head of N. Y. Herald-Tribune

NEW YORK, April 9 (UP)—The New York Herald-Tribune announced last night the resignation of Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid as chairman of the board of the newspaper.

The announcement said she would continue as a board member and that her son, Whitelaw Reid, 41, editor and president of the newspaper since 1953, has been elected chairman of the board.

Another son, Ogden Rogers Reid, 29, vice president since 1953, has been elected president and publisher of the newspaper.

Frank L. Taylor, former publisher of the Milwaukee Sentinel, was appointed executive vice president. Taylor was publisher of the Milwaukee newspaper from 1943 to 1954.

Kansas Court Upholds Ban on 'Moon Is Blue'

TOPEKA, Kan., April 9 (AP)—Action by the State Board of Review, a censoring agency, in banning the showing of the motion picture, "The Moon Is Blue," was upheld today by the Kansas Supreme Court.

The decision will keep the film off Kansas theater screens until July 1 when the board of review will be abolished under a law passed by the recent Legislature.

In upholding the ban, the high court reversed a Wyandotte County district court decision that the board had acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

Belgium Names New L. A. Consul

Appointment of George Barthelmy as Belgian consul in Los Angeles was announced today by Paul Delangre, secretary of the consulate at 448 S. Hill St. Barthelmy will arrive next Thursday.

—Associated Press Wirephoto

CHAPLIN CHILDREN ENJOY THE RIVIERA

The children of Comedian Charlie Chaplin play on the beach at Cannes, on the French Riviera. Left to right are Josephine, 6; Michael, 9; Geraldine, 11, and Victoria, 3. Chaplin and his family are vacationing there now. He quit the United States following a row with immigration authorities.

Avoid Prostate Operation

Find Safe Drugs for Male Gland Trouble

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Reporter

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9 (AP)—Safe drugs to control the most common glandular trouble in men are promised by research announced today by the University of Washington scientists.

They are drugs to shrink the prostate gland. This gland almost always enlarges after middle age, often causing pain, often necessitating surgical removal. Men aged 50 to 60 run a 50-50 chance of needing this operation.

Four shrinkage drugs have been found, and one or more will soon be tested on humans, Dr. Donald F. McDonald, surgeon, and Dr. T. Lloyd Fletcher, biochemist, said.

Each of the four works on rats, shrinking the prostate gland without causing physical harm. They also shrink slices of human prostate gland in test-tube experiments. They came from careful testing of 170 different chemical compounds.

Enlargement of the prostate occurs in 80 per cent of men over 50, Dr. McDonald told science writers visiting cancer research centers under auspices of the American Cancer Society.

The enlarged gland can obstruct the outlet of the bladder. Men reaching 70 face an 80-to-90 per cent chance of requiring surgery on the gland.

"We think these four drugs would be quite good," Dr. McDonald said.

College Survey Results

Mothers Domineer, Children Aggressive

FRESNO, April 9 (AP)—Two Los Angeles psychologists told the California Psychological Association today they found aggressive children often are the result of domineering mothers.

Frieda L. Bornston, a psychology instructor at Los Angeles City College, and Dr. James C. Coleman of the UCLA psychology department, reported a study indicated mothers who demand obedience from their children under threat of punishment frequently nurture outwardly aggressive offspring.

On the other hand, they said, overly affectionate mothers who baby their children were found not to develop aggressive children.

The psychologists said they based their report on a study of the relationships between parent attitudes and the reaction of college students under stress.

They said 56 students at Pepperdine and Los Angeles City colleges and their parents participated in the study.

'The Boy of the Week'

Gives His Eyes That 2 Others May See

A six-year-old boy who asked his mother to give his eyes to someone who needed them in case he died, "Because God will make me see without them when I go to Heaven," will be given national television recognition here next Monday.

The boy will be honored posthumously (he died last month), on Pinky Lee's NBC show. The boy, George Masters, of Buffalo, N. Y., made the request four days before he was struck by an auto and killed in front of his home.

After seeing a program dealing with a corneal transplanting operation, the lad had explained to his mother how he felt.

The parents recalled the child's strange request after his death and phoned the Buffalo eye bank. The corneas were transplanted into the eyes of a man and woman, who regained their sight by it.

Pinky Lee chose the boy as "The Boy of the Week" and suggested his example may aid others overcome blindness.

POLICE CASE

HARTFORD, Conn., April 9 (UP)—A light-footed burglar entered the home of Edward T. Cody in the wee hours and took $100 from a bureau drawer. Cody is a policeman.

Rob Long Beach Clerk of $5594

Long Beach police today sought two bandits who, wearing handkerchief masks and turned-down hat brims, robbed market clerk William C. Hoffman, 41, of $5594.24 yesterday as he returned to the market from a nearby bank.

Hoffman was robbed as he stepped from his car at 2290 Santa Fe ave. The getaway car was recovered at the rear of another market shortly after the robbery.

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Russ Bluster

Move to Bar Reich Rearming

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bring the Germans into NATO.

"They lost their fight to block ratification of the Paris accords. Now, they are fighting against implementation of the plan to rearm west Germany.

THREAT AND HOPE

"The Soviet campaign is based on their old strategy of combining threat and hope. By threatening to abrogate the treaties with England and France, they are trying to make the west afraid to go through with its plans to rearm west Germany.

"And at the same time, they are holding out new hope for an Austrian settlement in order to try to create the feeling in the west that perhaps there has been a change and that maybe it would be better to hold off German rearmament for a while."

In the American view, progress toward an Austrian treaty is up to the Russians. One American said it was a "bad joke" for the Russians to talk about other nations delaying the treaty.

BLOCKED TREATY

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov talked in those terms today on the eve of the arrival of Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab in Moscow to talk about terms for Austrian freedom.

United States officials pointed out that it was the Russians who blocked an Austrian treaty in Berlin last year when Molotov himself turned down the Western offer to accept every demands were made and that on the Austrian question.

Molotov replied that the situation had changed since those demands were made and that new conditions would have to be met before Russia would sign a treaty.

The new conditions, unacceptable to the West, would have forbidden Austria to align itself with any defensive group or to ever reunite with Germany.

As for the 1942 friendship treaty with Britain and the 1944 treaty with France, the United States officials feel that history has made them dead letters for some years.

Fire 5 Union Officials at Struck Mine

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 9 (UP) — A spokesman for the Phelps-Dodge Corp. confirmed today that five officials of Local 470 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers had been discharged.

The local includes men working at the Douglas smelter of Phelps-Dodge, where a wildcat strike occurred this week.

Earlier a union official had reported that local President Raoul Jordan and four others had been discharged. Others identified by spokesmen for both the company and union as having been discharged were: Joe Estrada sr., vice president of the local; Victor Mendez, financial secretary; Shop Steward William Booth and Steward David Diaz.

Arizona Crash Kills L. A. Man

MARANA, Ariz., April 9 (AP)—Albert Harrison Allen, 21, of 1524 W. 80th st., Los Angeles, was fatally injured just after midnight today when his car sped off the road two miles south of here and crashed into a telephone pole.

Two other Californians were injured. Gerald Steinberg, 21, 5866 Ridford, North Hollywood, was in critical condition with a fractured skull and right arm. Sam Sanders of 534 Harper, Los Angeles, was hurt slightly.

Highway Patrolman William Raftery said the accident occurred after Allen apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Airman Drowns Off U. S. Carrier

SAN DIEGO, April 9 (UP)—Naval Airman James H. Bagley, 20, of Monticello, Ga., fell into the sea from the aircraft carrier Hancock and was presumed drowned, it was disclosed today.

Pacific Fleet air headquarters said a helicopter and motor boat search for Bagley in waters off the Pacific Coast was unsuccessful.

Details of the accident were not disclosed but the navy said the airman fell overboard during training exercises.

PARSE THAT!

HASTINGS, Neb., April 9 (AP)—A Hastings school teacher almost gave up when a pupil asked "What did you give this book to me to be read out of for?"

Tot Chokes to Death on Nickel

Three-year-old Betty J. Headrick choked to death on a nickel last night while a physician and a Fire Department rescue crew worked vainly to save her.

The child's mother, Mrs. Nancy Ann Headrick of Long Beach, had returned home only recently after being treated for polio.

$1.50 Haircuts In 2 Cal. Areas

MARYSVILLE, Calif., April 9 (AP)—The price of a haircut goes up from $1 to $1.50 in Yuba and Sutter Counties April 19. The Yuba-Sutter Barbers Association, which announces the price increase, cut the price about a year ago from $1.25 to $1.

7th Wife to Shed Artie Shaw, Claim

Bandleader Artie Shaw is about to lose his seventh wife, Actress Doris Dowling.

Miss Dowling's sister, Connie Tors, said yesterday that the actress soon would file suit for divorce either here or in Las Vegas.

Here are today's Cash-O-Gram

LUCKY DIGIT numbers

If you sent in a number yesterday corresponding to one of those below, you must claim your prize before 4 p.m. Monday, April 11, 1955.

87102	$50	35249	$5
20714	$10	95289	$5
36990	$10	15254	$5
69622	$10	28005	$5
52896	$5	70382	$5

See Monday's Herald-Express for the next CASH-O-GRAM puzzle and more chances to win with LUCKY DIGITS!

Enough for 552,686 Children

Cal. Orders Polio Shots

Enough Salk polio vaccine to inoculate 552,686 California first and second grade pupils has been ordered by the State Department of Health, which announced it expects a favorable report on the vaccine to be made next Tuesday.

Approval and licensing by the federal government will be necessary before the vaccine is shipped, but a department official said it would be available to local health departments within 24 hours after approval is obtained. Inoculating shots are expected to begin here by April 18.

In Los Angeles city 82,514 pupils are eligible, and in areas under the County Health Department's jurisdiction 115,000 children can have it administered.

Parents of the children must signs a vaccination request before their children may receive the three injections making up an inoculating dose, Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, state health director, stated.

Three injections constitute a vaccination with a week interval between the first two and a month between the second and last injection.

Tell Polio Report Time Release

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 9 (AP) — A late conference between representatives of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and University of Michigan officials today set 10:20 a. m. (CST) April 12 as the release time for the Salk polio vaccine report.

Spokesmen said, however, the press would be handed the information in summary form at 9:10 a. m. (CST) and would be required to hold it until Dr. Thomas Francis jr., director of the Salk Evaluation Center at the university, makes his formal speech to an assembled group of some 400 medical dignitaries, starting at 10:20 a. m.

Van Nuys: It Soars on the Valley's Wings

Town Was Born in 1911 Amid Cries of Land Auctioneers

BY JIM DENYER, Mirror-News Staff Writer

Van Nuys was built in its present location because apricots once grew where Panorama City stands today.

Back in 1910, Charles P. Grogan owned that part of Panorama City north of Roscoe Blvd. and decided that he wanted to extend his apricot grove.

Just south and west of Grogan's place some 47,500 acres recently had been purchased for development by Los Angeles Suburban Homes Co. for $2,500,000.

The group, consisting of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Harry Chandler, O. F. Brant, H. J. Whitley and Gen. M. H. Sherman, was still undecided where to establish its first subdivision.

Grogan went to the developers and offered to buy a section if they would locate the main street of the new town so it would run along the west side and through his property. They accepted his offer.

The town was named in honor of I. N. Van Nuys, one of the previous owners of the property, who had used the land to grow wheat and barley for his flour mill.

Van Nuys had befriended Harry Chandler, then vice-president of the Los Angeles Times, when Chandler first arrived here from the East.

Brant, president of Title Insurance & Trust Co., suggested that a newly successful subdivider, W. P. Whitsett, was the man to promote and handle the town founding.

Whitsett had been a coal mine operator before his health forced him to come west, and had successfully subdivided a 40-acre tract near Huntington Park during the depression of 1907.

Whitsett agreed and bought a half interest in the mile-square townsite for $550 an acre on Jan. 23, 1911.

IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

On Feb. 22, 1911, Van Nuys was born in the blaze of a mass barbecue and the cry of land auctioneers.

Whitsett had promoted the sale with offers of free train transportation and free barbecue, and his promotions brought 2000 people 18 miles from Los Angeles to attend.

At the end of the auction the books showed that $250,000 worth of land had been sold.

With the initial development over, most subdividers move on, but Whitsett stayed with his child and nursed it over the rough spots.

Realizing that the town needed industry to grow, Whitsett helped bring a poultry industry, cannery and an organ factory to provide employment.

In 1921, he founded the Bank of Van Nuys, which was sold to Security-First National, and in 1925 established the institution that is now Valley Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Whitsett, now 81, is still chairman of the board of Valley Federal and visits his office each day dressed in a dark or gray suit with a high,starched wing collar and bow tie.

Roy Milner, 77, chief appraiser at Valley Federal, who told me these details, was secretary of Suburban Homes Co. and has continued as an associate of Whitsett since.

WATER FOR THE THIRSTY

Milner said the growing community needed water, so Whitsett brought in a well just west of Van Nuys Blvd., halfway between Victory Blvd. and Gilmore St.

"The foundation of the old pumping station can still be seen at the rear of the stores just south of the Van Nuys Theater," Milner said.

The story of how the first school was brought to Van Nuys also shows how the ingenuity of early developers helped get things done.

To get the kind of permanent school that Whitsett and the developers wanted for the community required setting up a school district.

The law required signatures of parents of at least 14 children on petitions for such a district.

At that time there weren't 14 children in Van Nuys.

A friend of Whitsett, Maj. P. S. Carr, who managed beet and bean fields in the area, heard of the problem and hired three families with 17 children to work in the fields.

The families were moved into tents as residents of Van Nuys and the signatures were obtained. The district was formed, bonds voted and the schoolhouse was built.

Now the population has grown to over 100,000 and property is valued at over $250,000,000 in Van Nuys, which is part of the city of Los Angeles.

CENTER OF POPULATION

Well over 35,000 youngsters attend school in the community, and a recent survey by Southern California Automobile Club indicated that the corner of Vanowen St. and Van Nuys Blvd. is the present population center of California.

The streets have grown to broad highways from their beginnings as ruts through a wheat field, and the drainage problem is being solved with Federal construction aid.

As is fitting for such a solid community in the solid Valley, the honorary Mayor is solid Andy Devine, who has held the post 20 years.

The backbone of the town, Van Nuys Blvd., has grown into one of the finest shopping areas anywhere.

Through work and planning, Van Nuys residents have built a community they're proud of.

Your Town

Each of the many communities which comprise the fabulous San Fernando Valley has its own amazing story.

These stories will be told each Tuesday in the Valley Section of the Mirror-News. You will want to clip them for future reference.

Today's is the fourth installment of the series—about Van Nuys. Next Tuesday—Burbank.

Municipal Court Building is one of newest structures to be built under Civic Center modernization program. City Hall will be expanded and room made for other departments of the Los Angeles government.

WHITLEY VAN NUYS HUFFAKER

'FEELS GOOD TO GROW WITH TOWN'

Whitley Van Nuys Huffaker has the distinction of being the first child born in Van Nuys.

Now a successful auto parts dealer in North Hollywood, he still makes his home in Van Nuys, at 5654 Tobias Ave., with his wife, Zella, and three children.

"You feel good to have a chance to grow with a town and see it change from an open prairie to the prosperous town it is today," Huffaker said.

The Huffaker family set some other firsts. G. A. Huffaker, Whitley's father, owned the first auto there and set up the first auto agency in town.

Mrs. G. A. Huffaker still lives at the family home, 14359 Sylvan St.

W. P. Whitsett (seated) and Roy Milner are two of the pioneers who helped Van Nuys to develop.

2 BIG PAGEANTS GET NATIONAL ATTENTION

Two annual Van Nuys pageants have attracted nationwide attention—the air show held on Armed Services Day and the Bethlehem Star Parade on the first Saturday in December.

Jim Moran, of the Chamber of Commerce, estimates that 150,000 people will attend each of these events this year.

The air show features the latest in military and civilian aircraft. It is put on in co-operation with the 146th Fighter Interceptor Wing of the Air National Guard and the City Airport Commission.

The Bethlehem Star Parade features church sponsored floats with religious themes.

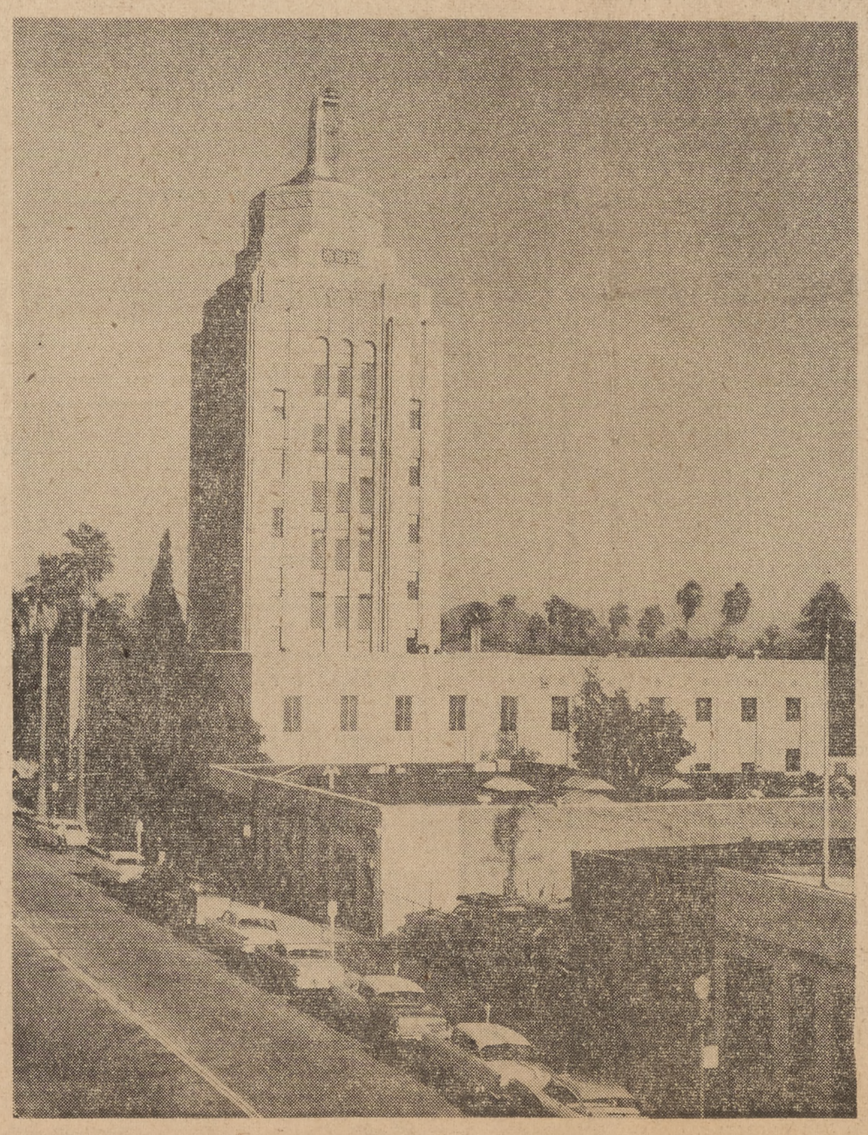
Last year there were 32 floats, complete with costumed riders and animals. Forty are expected this year.

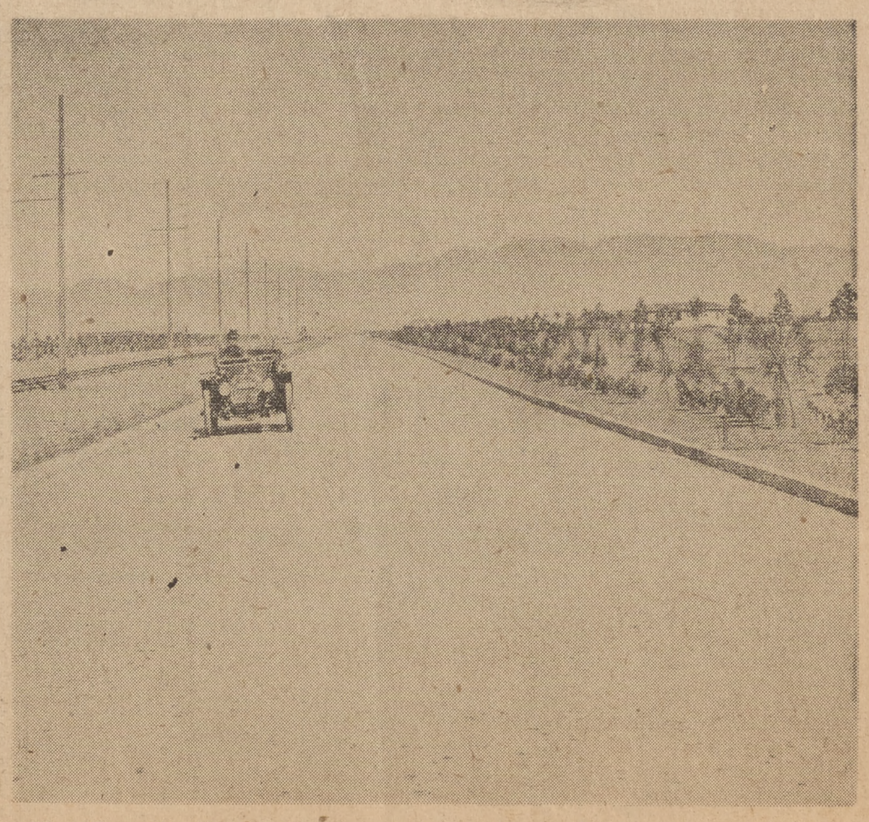
The only restriction on the parade is that no commercial entries are allowed.

—MIRROR-NEWS photos by Ed Jucevic

MAIN SHOPPING AREA IN VAN NUYS

This is a view of Van Nuys Blvd., looking north at Hamlin St. This is main shopping center of thriving community, focal point of Los Angeles area in the San Fernando Valley. Below, in sharp contrast, is how Van Nuys Blvd. looked in later part of 1911. This photo was taken near present Burbank Blvd. Pacific Electric tracks (left) had just been installed, and since have been removed. Rose bushes and trees at right were planted by Roy Milner, a pioneer of Van Nuys.





Van Nuys City Hall (left) houses police station, health department and other governmental branches of city of Los Angeles. Expansion is now under way.

San Fernando Valley

YOUR OWN LOCAL DAILY IN A METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER

B Valley — LOS ANGELES, TUES., MARCH 26, 1957 — MIRROR-NEWS

New Valley Hospital Picks Staff

Dr. Charles B. Canby Jr. of Van Nuys is the new chairman of the medical staff for Valley Presbyterian Hospital, the first unit of which is expected to be completed by June 30. →

Other staff officers are Dr. W. M. Gobbell of Encino, vice-chairman of staff, and Dr. Fred Amerongen of Van Nuys, secretary-treasurer.

Serving with them on the executive committee will be Drs. Leonard Goldman, Morris Lipson, George Cech, Jack W. Bills and Herbert Ford of Van Nuys; John M. Thompson, medical adviser to VPH, and George Wilson of Encino, and Herbert Ford of Panorama City.

Members of the medical staff emphasized the need for public support to obtain funds for the hospital. Checks may be mailed to the hospital at 15107 Vanowen, Van Nuys.

DR. CANBY (LEFT) WITH DR. AMERONGEN

ROUGH DEAL

Slugging Follows Protest

All he said to the man was, "Do you know how to drive?" Jose Trujillo, 29, of 10846 Le-High St., Pacoima, told police.

That question landed him in Sun Valley Receiving Hospital, where seven stitches were required to close a face cut.

Trujillo told police he was crossing the driveway of a market at Pala St. and Van Nuys Blvd. when a car nearly ran him down.

That's when Trujillo asked the question.

For answer, the driver jumped out of the car, picked up an orange crate and beat Trujillo over the head with it.

The man drove off leaving Trujillo unconscious in the market parking lot.

Little Leaguers Signing Up

Registration for the Sun Valley Little League continues this week at the organization's ball park at 7101 Vineland Ave.

The sign-up closes Sunday. Boys 8 to 12 years of age will be registered this week between 5 and 7 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday an Sunday.

Tax Form Aid

A representative of the California Franchise Tax Board will assist taxpayers in preparing State income tax returns from April 1-15 at the Burbank Chamber of Commerce office, 200 W Magnolia Blvd. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eyeing the Valley

By DOROTHY WATSON

Old magazines . . . what to do with them?

Most of us are reluctant to give them up even when we've finished reading them. They're still in good condition. We'd like to pass them on to someone, but usually we just let them stack up until they become a nuisance.

For years I saved copies of certain magazines, believing I'd refer to them at some later date. I didn't.

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Finally, I turned them over to a group conducting a paper drive.

That meant the magazines weren't going to be read by anyone else. It meant instead that they'd be sold for waste paper . . . all those words and pictures wasted.

But there are Valley groups who realize the value of discarded magazines.

They are the groups that annually conduct a "Magazines for Friendship" drive. They send good, used American magazines to readers in foreign countries.

More than a ton and a half—60 large cartons—of such magazines are on their way to the Far East today, thanks to the Rotary Club of West Van Nuys and the Hayvenhurst Avenue Parent-Teacher Association.

"We discard hundreds of thousands of good magazines in this country every week, little realizing how much people in other countries want them," says Dr. Albert Croissant, English professor at Occidental College and originator of the campaign to send magazines abroad.

"Literally hundreds of colleges, libraries and hospitals, as well as individuals, in other countries hope for reading material from the United States.

"We can easily and cheaply tell them about our way of life by sending them our magazines," he adds.

Each magazine sent under this plan bears a label which reads in part: "Please accept these magazines as a token of friendship from one who hopes they will foster international understanding and goodwill."

The U.S. Information Agency distributes the magazines in the various countries.

Rubbish Debate Set in Van Nuys

A nonpartisan debate on "Rubbish, What Shall We Do With It?" will be presented tonight at 8:15 at the Masonic Temple in Van Nuys.

Atty. Jack Corinblitt will support Proposition A, which provides for city collection of rubbish, and Will Chappell, consultant sales engineer, will represent the opposition.

Proposition A will be presented to the voters at the April 2 election.

VALLEY CALENDAR

TONIGHT

Canoga Park Kiwanis—6:30 p.m., Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Ave.
Van Nuys Optimists—6:30 p.m., Youth Center, Willis Ave. and Gilmore St.
Valley Plaza Business and Professional Women—7 p.m., Hawley's 13620 Ventura Blvd.
Sepulveda Kiwanis—7 p.m., Rafters, 8701 Sepulveda Blvd.
San Fernando Toastmasters—7 p.m., Porter Hotel, 211 S Brand Blvd.
Woodland Hills Lions—7:15 p.m., Golden Pheasant, 26300 Ventura Blvd.
Granada Hills Optimists—7:30 p.m., Trail's End, 17840 Chatsworth St.
Northridge Lions—7:30 p.m., Sky Trails, 16434 Sherman Way.
Society of Radio, TV Technicians—7:30 p.m., Sailees, Burbank.
North Hollywood YWCA Young Marrieds—8 p.m., YWCA, 5142 Tujunga Ave.
Studio City American Legion Post 467—8 p.m., 12117 Moorpark St.
Studio City Lions—7 p.m., 13425 Ventura Blvd.

TOMORROW

Valley Plaza Optimists—7:30 a.m., Schaber's, 12141 Victory Blvd.
Burbank Lions Club—7:30 a.m., Skyroom, Lockheed Air Terminal.
Burbank Zonta—noon, California Chuck Wagon, 900 W Alameda Ave.
Van Nuys Rotary Club—12:10 p.m., American Legion Hall, 14541 Sylvan St.
West Valley Civitan Club—noon, Encino Inn, 17016 Ventura Blvd.
Chatsworth Rotary Club—12:10 p.m., MacDougall's White Sands, 21604 Devonshire St.
North Hollywood Optimists—12:05 p.m., Hody's Restaurant, 6006 Lankershim Blvd.
Burbank Kiwanis Club—noon, YMCA, 321 E Magnolia Blvd.
North Hollywood Sertoma Club—noon, Saunders, 11466 Chandler Blvd.
Panorama City Lions Club—12:15 p.m., Panorama Bowl, 8751 Van Nuys Blvd.
Sherman Oaks Kiwanis Club—noon, Kover's Bull Pen, 14549 Ventura Blvd.
Reseda Kiwanis Club—6:30 p.m., Sky Trails, 16435 Sherman Way.
Encino Toastmasters Club—7 p.m., Ram's Horn, 16705 Ventura Blvd.
Reseda Lions Club—7:15 p.m., Raymar's, 17726 Vanowen St.
San Fernando 20-30 Club—7:30 p.m., Sinclairs Esquire, 12507 San Fernando Road.
Woodland Hills Kiwanis Club—7:30 p.m., San Fernando Valley Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road.
Sun Valley American Legion Post 520—8 p.m., 9026 Sunland Blvd.
North Hollywood VFW Post 10040—8 p.m., 6319 Lankershim Blvd.
Van Nuys American Legion Post 193—8 p.m., 14541 Sylvan St.
Knights of Pythias, Luick Lodge—8 p.m., 13506 Sherman Way.
Pacoima Legion Auxiliary 659—8 p.m., 13535 Van Nuys Blvd.
Granada Hills American Legion Post 829—8 p.m., Women's Club.
Encino American Legion Post 582—8 p.m., 4924 Paso Robles Ave.
Tarzana Legion Post 687—8 p.m., 19557 Ventura Blvd.
Chatsworth Legion Post 622—8 p.m., 21340 Devonshire St.

Dog Poison Fiend Hunted in Burbank

Peril Seen to Children in Parks

A vicious dog poisoner is at work in Burbank, police and park officials said today.

A movie dog, "Primo," already has fallen a victim to the fiend, police said. An autopsy showed that the French poodle, owned by David M. Walsh of Burbank, died of eating meat that was poisoned with strychnine and strewn in Verdugo Park.

Dewey Kruckeberg, park and recreation superintendent, said he is also checking reports of poisoned meat in Buena Vista Park.

Walsh, a retired coal mine owner from Pennsylvania, said he was walking his pair of poodles last Thursday in the park. "Primo" picked up a piece of what appeared to be wieners, the owner said. The animal became ill that night and died the following day.

Kruckeberg said this was the first time in his 24 years with the park department that poisoners had worked in the parks.

He warned children to beware of any food found in the parks and ordered his attendants to search the grounds several times a day.

City Buys 6 Ambulances for Service in Valley

First step toward turning over all emergency ambulance service in the Valley to the Fire Department by next July 1 today was taken by City Council.

The Council voted $42,000 to buy six ambulance-type vehicles, the first to be ordered to effect Valley-wide city ambulance service.

Mayor Poulson a year ago recommended firemen take over the emergency ambulance operation.

He was angered by an increase of from $28,000 to $94,400 for this fiscal year which the city pays a private firm for rendering ambulance service in the Valley.

Poulson said it now costs the city an average of $24,625 for each of the four operating stations being maintained by a private operator.

This made each city call cost $36, Poulson said. He termed the sum a "gouge" and demanded a study made of how the city could take over the service.

Subsequent conferences have determined that firemen could take over the emergency service operation, it was disclosed. The ambulance operation will be combined with the Fire Department's existing rescue operation.

Samuel Leask Jr., city administrative officer, said it would take 24 more firemen to handle the job but that a city-operated service could be more effective, efficient and cover the Valley more readily.

13 Buildings Up for Sale

Thirteen Valley buildings will be offered for public sale by the State Division of Highways this week.

Auctioning was to begin at 1 p.m. today at the following homes: In Sherman Oaks at 15228 Huston St., 14344 and 14322 Valleyheart Drive, 4660 Buffalo Ave., 4723 Atoll Ave. and 4740 Wortser Ave. Also in North Hollywood at 11154 Riverside Drive (apartment building).

Homes in Burbank will be auctioned Friday starting at 1 p.m. at 2620 San Fernando Blvd., 1606 Landis Ave. and 1925, 1915, 1903 and 1827 San Fernando Road.

Annual Retreat Set Tomorrow

Catholic students attending North Hollywood High School will hold their annual retreat tomorrow from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 6160 Cartwright Ave.

The retreat will be conducted by the Rev. George Cranham.

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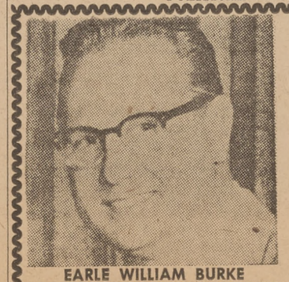

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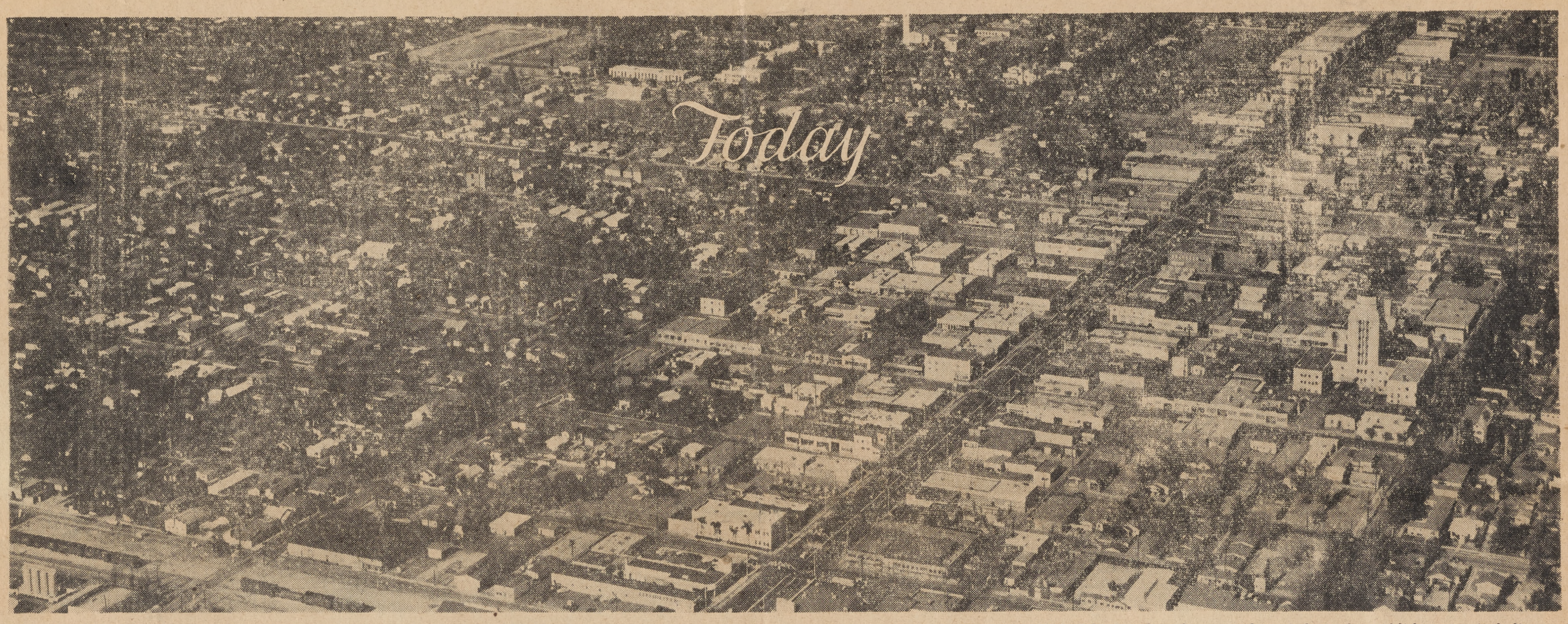
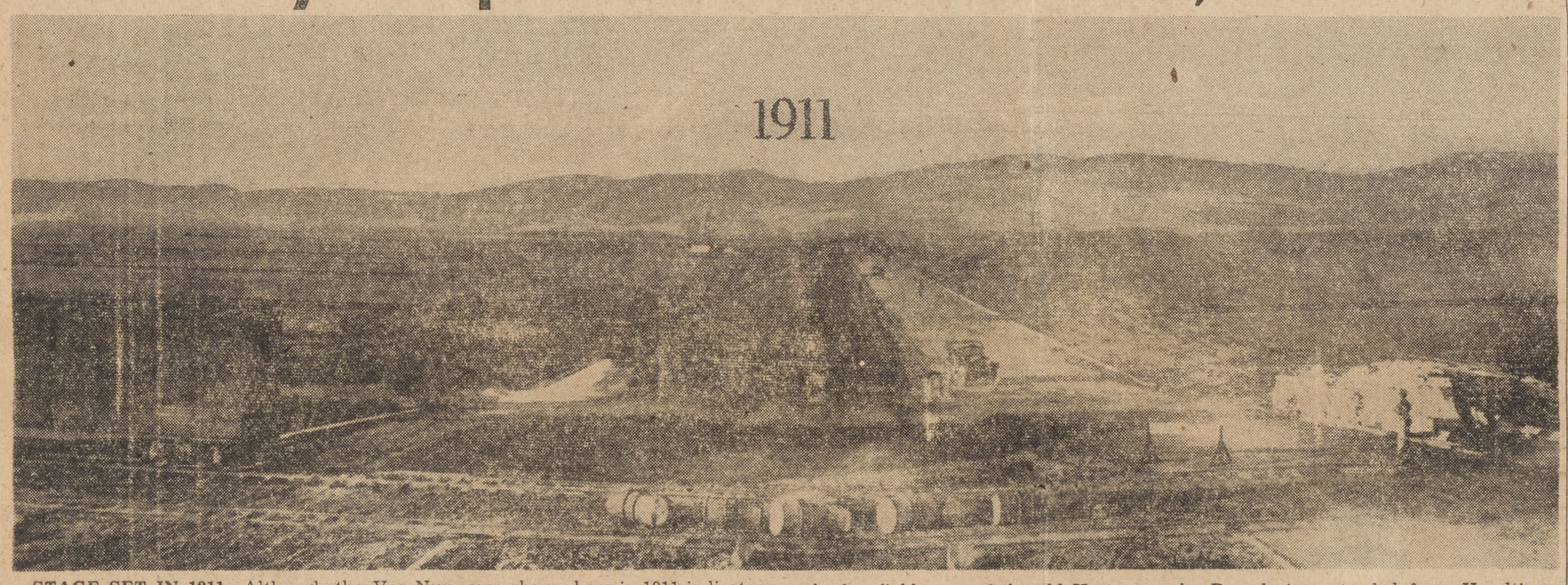


MODERN VAN NUYS—Far advanced from Washington's Birthday in 1911 when its townsite was a semi-arid, sparsely settled area of grain fields and cactus, Van Nuys today is a thriving, prosperous city of homes, churches, schools, business and industry. This aerial photograph shows a portion of the residential expanse of the community and the principal business district along Van Nuys boulevard angling across the picture to the right. The large building at the extreme right is the Los Angeles branch City Hall in the Van Nuys Civic Center, adjacent to which is the new County Building being opened at ceremonies tomorrow. At the lower left center, near the boulevard, is the railway of the Southern Pacific. At the upper left center is the Van Nuys High School and its athletic field. Spires of churches of various denominations may be seen in several locations on the photograph. The extreme upper right is in the vicinity of Vanowen and Van Nuys boulevard, which recent census surveys have established as the population center of California. Surrounding this area are large modern industrial establishments, including aircraft companies, General Motors automobile assembly plant, radio and television manufacturing, two breweries, aerial missiles research, and scores of other industrial enterprises. The Southern Pacific Railroad, shown crossing the lower left of the photograph, serves many of these industries.—Aerial photo by White's Studio, North Hollywood.

Van Nuys Population Reaches 100,000 Mark



STAGE SET IN 1911—Although the Van Nuys area shown here in 1911 indicates pastoral economy, plans were under way for Van Nuys subdivision. In the previous year one of the biggest real estate operations in Southern California history occurred when the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Co. was organized. Purchasing 47,500 acres of San Fernando Valley from the Farm and Milling Co. for $2,500,000, three townships were to be developed from the land, Van Nuys the major one. The site of the town of Van Nuys was one square mile in the center of a barley field, part of the old Kester ranch. Boundaries extended from Hazeltine west to Kester and from Oxnard one mile north. Van Nuys boulevard, originally named Sherman, was plotted through the middle, north to south, to intersect Ventura boulevard. The San Fernando Homestead Association had purchased the area originally for $115,000, less than $2 per acre. Isaac Lankershim and Isaac Van Nuys were the principal stockholders.

HISTORY

Highlights Of 44 Years Tell Van Nuys Growth

Suntanned citizens who munch delicious smoked meats at their home barbecues may be surprised to learn it has been only 44 years and nine months since Van Nuys, which has just passed the 100,000 mark in population, had a barbecue for 10,000 people to get the town going. From 100 to 100,000 people within 44 years is the story of the growth of Van Nuys.

The man who got the town going stood in the center of a wheat and barley field in 1911 and said of the houseless plain: "It is the coming metropolis of the San Fernando Valley."

That man of Van Nuys is William Paul Whitsett, who has not merely seen his dream come true. He made it happen. He began the townsite on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, 1911, with this slogan:

"The town that was started right."

That town had 100 inhabitants. There were 15 school children.

Once Wheat Field

The people who have come to Van Nuys from every state in the Union and especially from the great prairie wheat states will be interested to learn that up to 1911 Van Nuys was a wheat field, one of the greatest in the West. Before Whitsett there were others. It is not insignificant for 1955 that two men came south from San Francisco to help develop an area which in the few short years to 1960 bids fair to surpass that northern metropolis in size.

One was Isaac Newton Van Nuys. He arrived in 1873 to take an active part in the management of some 60,000 acres—most of the southerly part of the Valley. Van Nuys had acquired the acreage for $115,000 in 1869 from Pio Pico, onetime governor of California.

Van Nuys' minority partner was Isaac Lankershim, after whom North Hollywood was first named. Under their leadership the Valley in the days when America was beginning to develop the bonanza farm, the factory in the field, entered more than three decades of grain production as one of the world's large wheat ranches. Lankershim had noticed something about unusual growth conditions in the Valley even then: Wild oats, without cultivation, grew extraordinarily high.

Epoch Opens

Another new epoch opened in the "succession" of human-ecological changes the Valley was to pass through on its way to becoming famous for "growing houses instead of orange groves and wheat." Rapid change, it appears, was the Valley's destiny since a fateful day in 1769, seven years before the Declaration of Independence and 18 years before the Constitution of the United States was written.

The first white men to see the Valley were 63 Spaniards led by the soldier-explorer Don Gaspar de Portola. On their way north from San Diego to Monterey Bay, soldiers and missionaries followed an Indian trail up Sepulveda Canyon into the chaparral-clad Santa Monica Mountains. What suddenly opened up before the eyes of explorers, soldiers and missionaries was a vast and fertile valley.

Crop Years Follow

Exactly 100 years after Portola moved north from San Diego, Lankershim and Van Nuys, the two Isaacs, made their fateful move south from San Francisco. For a few short years the Valley became noted for its cattle. A disastrous two-year drought caused the death of some 40,000 sheep and forced a shift of interests to barley and wheat. In one good crop year 510,000 bushels of wheat were harvested. Valley grain was shipped all the way to the world wheat center in Liverpool, England.

Crop year followed crop year in the wheat belt. By the turn of the century subdivision activity slowly began. Industrialization took a small hold in the west. In 1909 after 33 crops years, a new and more intensive use of Valley land was opening. J. B. Van Nuys, son of the late Isaac, in November, 1910, held an auction sale of the equipment of his Los Angeles Farm and Milling Co.

The auction was advertised as "the sale of the century." For the Valley of that day this was probably correct. Some 47,500 acres were involved, most of the southern half of the Valley. To dispose of several thousand horses and mules, wagons, scrapers, gang plows, mowing machines and harvester combines, plus stock in several saddle shops, blacksmith shops and warehouses took four days. The sale was on credit.

Approve Bond Issue

For $2,500,00 or a little more than $50 an acre Isaac's son sold the vast wheat acreage to the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Co. Headed by Harry Chandler and Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, newspaper publishers, the company included O. F. Brant, head of Title Insurance and Trust Co., H. J. Whitley, builder and "father" of Hollywood, and Gen. M. H. Sherman, suburban railway builder.

Since 1907 when the voters of Los Angeles had approved a $23,000,000 bond issue, the Owens River Aqueduct had been under construction. It was to provide sufficient water not only to develop the Valley but to provide for a city of more than a million.

Thus was one of the largest real estate transactions in the history of Southern California and perhaps its greatest adventure to that time got under way. The homes syndicate staked out three townsites: Van Nuys (after Isaac), Reseda (first called Marian), and Owensmouth (later named Canoga Park). The intention of the group was to designate a one-square mile site for Van Nuys in the center of a barley field. From Hazeltine the field extended west to Kester and from Oxnard a mile north. Originally named Sherman, Van Nuys boulevard was plotted through the middle of the square mile to intersect Ventura boulevard.

Promote Van Nuys

Almost singlehanded, one man pushed the promotion of Van Nuys far ahead of that of the other two townsites and, as it turned out, of other towns as well. That man was Whitsett.

Whitsett bought half the townsite for $176,000, $30,000 of it in cash (Some 42 years later when Whitsett's firm, Valley Federal Savings and Loan, bought 2½ acres for a new modern office, he paid out almost the same price, $167,000.)

By January, 1911, a well had been begun. Water lines were laid. Streets were graded. Buildings were being hammered into place. Construction was begun on Sherman Way and the Pacific Electric Railway, now only a memory.

Townsite sales opened under Whitsett's direction on February 22, 1911, and a new city was born. That Washington's birthday anniversary sales reached $250,000, 50-foot lots going for $1,000 on credit.

Serve Barbecue

A Senor Jose Romero served the barbecue. Col. Tom Finch dedicated Van Nuys. The name pleased everyone who had been brought from Los Angeles over the "S.P." and in horse-drawn rigs and buckboards and in that newfangled invention, the horseless carriage.

The modern era of Van Nuys' development had opened. By December, 1911, street car service to Los Angeles was in. One church was finished and others planned. An election was held to approve a $50,000 bond issue for an intermediate school.

Within a single year a national bank opened. So did telephone service, electricty for power and domestic use, a theater and a chamber of commerce. Street lighting and formation of a high school district came swiftly.

Forward Leap

A leap forward in development resulted from the opening of the Owens River Aqueduct from the High Sierras November 5, 1913. Some 3,000 people gathered to watch the first water flow from 250 miles away. The administration of water provided the base for the next great move on the historical agenda of Van Nuys. In 1915 Van Nuys joined the city of Los Angeles, along with other Valley communities, and became the administrative center for water and power.

On returning from a trip to Germany, Whitsett spread to the community of 4,040 people (in 1920) the idea that a home in the San Fernando Valley community should be on not less than a 100 by 300 foot lot. His "garden acre" idea, which influences city planning to this day, was to make each family capable of feeding and sustaining itself from its own land.

Produce went out to all parts of the country under the sign, "from the Valley of Content." Van Nuys became the poultry center of the Valley for many years.

Van Nuys became the "capital city" of the Valley in 1934 with the establishment of the branch office of Los Angeles city government. Today the branch City Hall is still the tallest structure in the Valley, with the highest elevator. By 1940 Van Nuys had 20,298 people within its borders and was shortly to be deeply affected by the industrial boom of World War II.

Atomic Age Opens

In 1945, the year the atomic age opened, a population and building boom rocked the entire San Fernando Valley. It was a new kind of boom, industrial and commercial. Well educated people, highly skilled workers and trained executives poured in. War veterans by the thousands who had passed through Southern California were intent on making the San Fernando Valley their home. As he watched the fantastic growth that pushed Van Nuys' population up triple its 1940 size to 63,693 in 1950, Whitsett was to say: "We build a city a month here."

The giant Chevrolet and Fisher body plants came in 1948. Panorama City opened in 1949, along with its important shopping center. Carnation opened its research laboratories. Schlitz came as did Anheuser-Busch breweries and larger stores.

The suburban stage was over for Van Nuys and for many other parts of the Valley.

Van Nuys now looks to a city of 150,000 and up. Some time in the 1960's, a Valley of a million and a quarter is predicted.

I. N. VAN NUYS NOTED PIONEER

I. N. Van Nuys, a young man from New York, reached the West Coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Coming into partnership with Isaac Lankershim for 59,500 acres of San Fernando Valley, Van Nuys did not come into the Southern California area until four years following the Valley purchase.

His first view of San Fernando Valley was one of pastoral peace. Cattle roamed fields; sheep lolled lazily along the mountainsides. The San Fernando Homestead Association owned 40,000 head of sheep. A great loss occurred, however, when the Valley suffered a severe drought in 1876.

POPULATION

Van Nuys Rise Told In Figures

Van Nuys passed the 100,000 mark in population Oct. 5 to become a great city area within a city almost five times larger than its population only 15 years ago, it was revealed today by Dr. Jackson Mayers, sociologist-economist at Valley Junior College, after an extended survey.

The survey showed Van Nuys is now the largest city section in the San Fernando Valley. Second by only a small margin is North Hollywood at 98,500 people, which is expected to cross the 100,000 mark sometime in 1956.

Van Nuys is the thirteenth largest city area in California and fifth in Los Angeles county.

Only the rest of Los Angeles city of which Van Nuys is a part, Long Beach, Pasadena and Glendale are larger in Los Angeles county.

Five census tracts make up Van Nuys—tracts 17A, B, C and 18A and B. The five tract areas exclude from Van Nuys population any part of Sherman Oaks and nearly all of Panorama City. Included is only that small portion of Panorama City south of Roscoe boulevard.

Census Boundaries

Roughly the boundaries of Van Nuys are Balboa boulevard on the west, Coldwater Canyon on the east, Roscoe on the north and Magnolia and part of the Los Angeles river on the south in terms of census tracts.

Postal boundaries are slightly different, but this does not affect the overall figures. This is considered by Dr. Mayers, who has also made a study of town boundaries in the Valley, to be the closest to a strictly Van Nuys boundary it is possible to agree on.

Five and a half years ago, on April 1, 1950, Van Nuys had a population of 63,693. As of April 1, 1955, five years later, the population had reached 97,050, a rise of 33,357, or 52.5 per cent in five years. This is more than five times the 10 per cent growth for Los Angeles city as a whole and is well beyond the rise of 21 per cent for Los Angeles county, 9 per cent for the United States and 13 per cent for California.

Heavy Increases

The Valley's city parts increased 65 per cent in the last five years. The all-Valley area, including Burbank and San Fernando, rose 55 per cent in the same period to reach 645,000 as of Oct. 1, 1955. Van Nuys now makes up 15.3 per cent of the Valley, or just under one-sixth of the total population. Yet Van Nuys with 22 square miles is less than one-tenth of the area of the Valley.

With North Hollywood nearing the 100,000 mark and Burbank having a population of 92,894 as of Oct. 1, 1955, the San Fernando Valley will shortly have three major city areas, a record unmatched elsewhere in Los Angeles county.

Compared with Van Nuys in California (as of the beginning of 1955) are the following city area populations:

Long Beach, 289,100.
Sacramento, 157,000.
Berkeley, 117,800.
Pasadena, 114,800.
Glendale, 113,900.
Richmond, 110,000.
Fresno, 109,000.
San Jose, 108,100.

Bright Future

At its present rate of growth of almost 6,700 a year, Van Nuys appears to have a good chance to grow to be the seventh largest city area in California within a few years. It is growing much faster than all the areas ahead of it in population as of 1955.

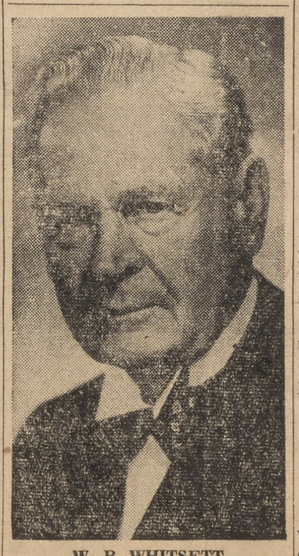
The figures are based on the Population Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Regional Planing Commission and on field surveys of the San Fernando Valley, a dozen of which have been conducted in the past year. An institutional population in hospital installations was considered. A vacancy facto. per dwelling unit was taken into account as was a count of unrelated individuals (persons living outside families). Apartment population was included.

Van Nuys had 19,238 dwelling units as of April 1, 1950, 30,406 as of April 1, 1955, and 31,320 as of Oct. 1, 1955.

Major Aggregate

The planning commission is using a dwelling unit occupancy factor that averages 3.179 for Van Nuys. However, according to Dr. Mayers, field checks indicate that the average family size, which varie. somewhat from dwelling unit factor, comes to more than 3.5, a small fraction under the 3.6 average for the entire Valley. Crosschecks to gas meters, water and electric light meters were made and also to post office totals for dwelling and family size.

Thus forty-four years and nine months after the founding of the town site in 1911 Van Nuys has become a major city.



W. P. WHITSETT
Van Nuys Founder

Sheep, Cattle Range

Sheep and cattle belonging to the San Fernando Mission once roamed the Van Nuys area. They were so plentiful that they were slaughtered to decrease their number.

The Van Nuys Skyline Takes On a New Look

The World's Fastest Growing Community Steps Up Its Tempo

VAN NUYS — When reviewing the phenomenal growth of Van Nuys during the past decade, one cannot help but sense that a highly efficient and well-organized chamber of commerce has been at work.

And that is exactly the situation. During the past ten years, the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce has spurred and guided all phases of progress in the community.

Since 1940, the population of Van Nuys has increased over 214 per cent. Ten years ago the population was 20,298. Today there are over 64,000 people living in the community.

In surveying the industrial growth of Van Nuys, one finds that in recent years many established industries have expanded their facilities, and a number of new ones have started in the area.

These include the vast Chevrolet, and Fisher Body Plants of the General Motors Corp., at 8000 Van Nuys Blvd., and a number of aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturing concerns.

AIRCRAFT RANK HIGH

Ranking high in the aircraft and aircraft parts industries are the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., at the San Fernando Valley Airport; the Marquardt Aircraft Co., Radio Plane Co., Inc., and Metropolitan Airparts.

Growing industries in Van Nuys include brick manufacturing, cabinets, chemical manufacturing, dairy products, fences, furniture manufacturing, machine shops and machine products, mattress manufacturing, sheet metal products, sash and doors, television, Venetian blinds, construction, and others.

In recent years, due to the community's skyrocket growth in population, and rapid development of tracts and sub-divisions, many new retail enterprises have set foot in Van Nuys.

The newest and largest department store in the Central and West Valley area is the Butler Brothers store, at 6609 Van Nuys Blvd., which opens Friday.

Other new stores or those that have expanded or remodelled include The Cracker Barrel Market, the C. R. Anthony Store, Builders Emporium, Ken Gelpey, J. C. Penney store, Slocum Furniture and the Duchess Store.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SOAR

From the period 1940 to 1950, the postal receipts handled by the Van Nuys Post Office have soared 556 per cent. Ten years ago, the postal receipts totaled $104,328. Last year the postal receipts amounted to $685,044.

The Van Nuys Chamber has spearheaded many community projects and activities.

These include the development of parks and playgrounds, promoting the merits of the community to business and industry, solving the local parking problem, traffic and safety projects, the improvement of streets and highways, and other projects.

At present, the chamber's extensive program for the coming year is being co-ordinated by 20 active working committees.

A number of the forthcoming projects will include the purchasing of centrally-located lots for much-needed off-street parking facilities, improving and widening strategic Valley streets running through Van Nuys, and bringing more adequate transportation to the Valley.

BETTER LIGHTING SOUGHT

Efforts are being made to obtain better street illumination for various shopping districts in the community, and extending the chamber services to civic, service, veteran, youth, and other community organizations.

An important project of the chamber is to obtain larger facilities for Division 32 of the Municipal Court which is located in the Van Nuys Municipal Bldg.

The chamber makes every effort to keep well informed on all current changes of city, state, and Federal legislation. All new developments are passed on to local merchants, businessmen, and professional people.

In all projects concerning the welfare of the San Fernando Valley as a whole, the chamber works closely with other chambers and organizations in the area.

Recently, the chamber moved into its new and larger quarters at 6410 Van Nuys Blvd. An open house program in the new office will be conducted from 4 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 28.

McWHIRTER AT HELM

Currently at the helm of all chamber activities is Van McWhirter, president. He is assisted by four vice presidents—Stuart Bankhardt Sr., Ralph Markham, Charles E. Painter, and Wallace Trau—and W. O. Lindstrom, treasurer.

Responsible for much of the chamber's accomplishments during the past five years, is the organization's tireless and energetic secretary-manager, James G. Moran.

Other active chamber leaders are members of the board of directors.

They include Mildred Alcock, Charles Bash, Donald K. Burkdoll, George O. Chapman, William L. Craig, Kenneth P. Crater, E. A. Culverwell, Lee W. Degnan, Harry C. Dow, Robert Driscoll, Dr. Clifford Hegness and Earl C. Hoagland.

Other directors are A. H. Meacham, Ferdinand Mendenhall, Norbert Moffatt, Alex Smith, Ted White, Dr. Royal A. Dahlman and Francis D. Foster, chairman of the Retail Merchants Division.

Phenomenal Growth Of Van Nuys Unforeseen

VAN NUYS. — No one would have believed in the early 1900's that Van Nuys would today be a home for more than 64,000 persons.

In the early days, it was a land of sheep and wheat raising until water became scarce.

Then, in 1910, the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Co. subdivided the land which was once owned by I. N. Van Nuys, for whom the community received its name.

A street, first called Sherman, was cut north and south through the subdivision to intersect with Ventura Blvd., a dirt road reaching through a narrow pass to Hollywood.

Some 47,500 acres were bought for the fabulous sum of $2,500,000—the largest real estate deal in Southern California up to that time—with the intention of putting in three communities, Van Nuys, Reseda and Canoga Park. It was out of this that Van Nuys started its growth.

W. P. Whitsett, a native of Pennsylvania, who had come to Van Nuys for his health, bought half interest in the Van Nuys site for $176,000.

By February of the next year, 1911, Whitsett had built a few buildings for the opening of a new town and held a barbecue to which people from all over Los Angeles flocked, transported by special trains run by the Southern Pacific.

W. P. WHITSETT
Founder of Van Nuys

The town was dedicated and lots there sold for a total of $250,000.

By the end of that year a boom was on in force. The Pacific Electric Co. built two extensions to reach the city; public utility companies had made provisions for gas, electricity and telephones, and a post office, community church, bank, theater, social club and a newspaper were organized.

A $50,000 bond issue to erect a grammar school was carried 80-0, and a few roads were being improved with an oil covering. Van Nuys High School was established in 1914, and a policeman was assigned to cover the Valley.

Then in March of 1915, the people voted to annex Van Nuys to the city of Los Angeles and its growth was assured.

Flying Tigers Name Official

BURBANK.—Jack D. Smith has been named district sales manager for The Flying Tiger Line at Long Beach, Mayo Thomas, Southern California sales manager of the airfreight carrier, announced today. Smith replaces Robert Crawford, who resigned.

Smith, who has been in the Los Angeles office of the carrier, will be in charge of the Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro and Torrance areas, with offices at 1224 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach.

Prior to joining the Flying Tiger Line last June, Smith was in the sales department of the Liquid Carbonic Co. He is married and his home will be at 1603 E. 64th St., Long Beach.

S.F. Canadian Legion Meets

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY — The San Fernando Valley Canadian Legion Post 159, a branch of the British Empire Service League, will hold an open house program at 8 p.m., Saturday, in the Van Nuys American Legion Clubhouse.

George Barton, commander of the post, announced that the program and post activities are open to all former members of the British armed forces.

There will be no admission to the open house. The program will feature dancing.

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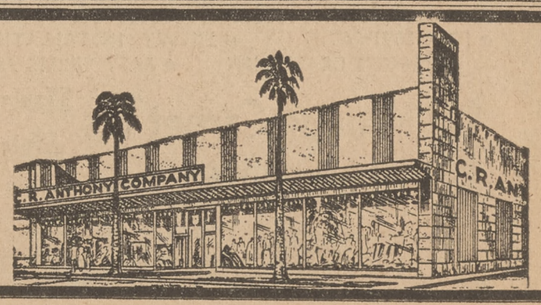

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Builders Will Fete Birthday

VAN NUYS — In conjunction with its fifth anniversary celebration, the Builders Emporium on Sunday evening will stage a special party for its employes at the Larry Potter's Supper Club, Studio City.

The party will be attended by more than 150 employes of the company and their relatives and friends.

Located at 5960 Sepulveda Blvd., Builders Emporium has had a phenomenal growth and development since its inception.

Starting with a small site in 1945, Builders Emporium now occupies a seven-acre tract. It serves the Valley's needs for housewares, builders hardware, hand tools, power tools, home appliances and accessories of all types.

The store's growth has skyrocketed since Victor M. Carter, industrialist and merchandising expert, acquired the business in 1949.

Carter is sold on the future of the San Fernando Valley.

The boll weevil may get a major share of the 1951 lint crop on at least half of North Carolina's cotton acreage, insect specialists in that state warn. They recommend increased use of insecticides.

A BOUQUET FOR A HAWAIIAN FLOWER—Here lovely Lei Aloha, a star of the Harry Owens television show, receives a bouquet of flowers for her participation in the recent annual dance of the North Hollywood Postal Employes. The bouquet is presented by Joe Zaccone, chairman of the dance committee.

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Interesting Chronology of Historical Events

Leading Up to the Founding of Van Nuys and Covering the First Five Years of Development in New Town in San Fernando Valley From 1769 to 1915

Compiled by Frank M. Keffer for Old-Timers' and Founders' Day Celebration February 22, 1934, Sponsored by Van Nuys Kiwanis Club

1769

Don Gaspar de Portola, on historic exploration journey, found this valley and christened it "El Valle de Santa Cataline de Bononia de los Encinos" (The Valley of Saint Catherine of Bononia of the Live Oaks). Indians only settlers.

1797

September 8. Valley renamed "El Valle de San Fernando," when Mission San Fernando Ray de Espana was founded by Fathers Fermin Francisco de Lausen and Francisco Dumetz.

1831

Pio Pico victor in battle at Mission with Manuel Victoria, after which he received a large grant of land included in the Valley.

1842

Grant of 136,000 acres by Pio Pico to Eulogio F. de Celis for $14,000.

1854

Pio Pico rebought a half interest in these lands for $15,000.

1869

Isaac Lankershim organized a syndicate of San Frencisco capitalists, known as The San Fernando Farm Homestead association and purchased 59,500 acres in the southern part of the Valley for $115,000. I. N. Van Nuys was one of the large stockholders of the association. Soon after there were formed from these lands and in the south and west parts of the Valley six large ranchos, known as the Sheep, Kester, Home, Patton, West and Workman.

1871

Name of association changed to The San Fernando Sheep Company, when 40,000 sheep and many cattle were herded on the lands.

1873

I. N. Van Nuys rented a large body of the lands and pioneered the cultivation of wheat, which soon became a major industry and replaced sheep herding.

1880

Van Nuys and Lankershims pool interests and organize The Los Angeles Farm and Milling company, adding flour milling to their extensive operations.

1888

Bumper yield of 510,000 bushels of wheat raised on lands owned and operated by the Farming and Milling company.

1910

December. Tract of 47,500 acres, including the six ranchos named above, purchased from Los Angeles Farm and Milling company by The Los Angeles Suburban Homes company, a syndicate composed of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Harry Chandler, Gen. M. H. Sherman, O. F. Brant and H. J. Whitley. Participating shares were issued and taken over by many of the prominent business men of Los Angeles and vicinity. H. J. Whitley was made manager and an extensive program of developments outlined, including the construction of Sherman Way boulevard and the extension of the Pacific Electric railway from Hollywood into and through the tract. The lands were surveyed by V. J. Rowan and three townsites platted, Van Nuys, Marian and Owensmouth. The surrounding lands were cut up into parcels ranging from 2½ to 40 acres and an intensive sales campaign was projected.

Scene on Opening Day Van Nuys Townsite February 22, 1911

VAN NUYS DEVELOPMENT

1911

JANUARY—W. P. Whitsett purchased half interest in Van Nuys townsite named for I. N. Van Nuys, and starts development program. Well drilled, water lines laid, streets graded, buildings started, and first sales made in townsite and tract. Construction started on Sherman Way and Pacific Electric railway.

FEBRUARY 22—Formal opening of Van Nuys townsite with auction sale of lots, barbecue prepared by Jose Romero, and dedication speech by Col. Tom Fitch. Excursion from Los Angeles over Southern Pacific railway, autos and horsedrawn vehicles bring large crowd. Sales made on this day totalled over $200,000.

JUNE 16—Pioneer Club, a social organization, formed to meet at homes of members. F. D. Haddock, president; W. E. Bechtelheimer, vice-president, and G. G. Hunter, secretary. Fourteen members.

JUNE—Community church organized by Rev. Willard Aldrich of Lankershim. Meetings held in room in Syndicate block. S. T. Meyer, Sunday school superintendent. Thirteen present at first service.

AUGUST 18—Postoffice established with J. B. Langum as postmaster and A. E. Nordvold, assistant.

AUGUST 24—First issue Van Nuys Call.

SEPTEMBER—Miss Edith Prescott employed by townsite owners as school teacher. Fifteen pupils enrolled.

OCTOBER 28—School district organized. Jas. Lyon, D. E. Gibson an W. E. Lane chosen as trustees.

NOVEMBER 15—School trustees meet to start action to secure a grammar school building.

NOVEMBER 24—First issue of Van Nuys News, successor to The Call. Frank M. Keffer, editor and publisher.

NOVEMBER 30—Study club organized by Mrs. Howard S. Trotter.

DECEMBER 2—First election held in new town defeated proposition to consolidate with San Fernando Union high school district by a vote of 17 to 0.

DECEMBER 4—Election to vote on $50,000 bond issue for a grammar school building. Proposition carried 80 to 0.

DECEMBER 12—Branch office of American Beet Sugar company opened with Maj. P. Carr in charge, W. A. Connolly, assistant, and Frances Taylor, chief clerk.

DECEMBER 16—First street car, Los Angeles to Van Nuys, over Pacific Electric line. Regular service established with ten cars each way daily. Fares 45c one way, 75c round trip. Barbecue and celebration. Large crowd.

December 22—Van Nuys Publishing company incorporated to conduct publishing and printing business. F. M. Keffer, president. A. E. Chamberlain, first printer. Printing equipment was first freight consignment over Pacific Electric to be received in Van Nuys.

DECEMBER 22—Two hundred attend first Christmas service held in temporary church room.

First Office Building Erected in Van Nuys

VAN NUYS TOWNSITE AT IT LOOKED ON FEBRUARY 22, 1911—JUST TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO TODAY

The above photograph was taken from about the location of the present automobile in the foreground is facing east on Sylvan street. The tent is at the present location of the Sutton building. The derrick for the town well can be seen over the tent and was located about where the new Van Nuys Theatre building now stands. W. P. Whitsett's small office building, to the right of the center of the picture, and the large black board, were the center of activities, the opening lot sale being held that day. Today the Security-First National Bank building stands at the corner occupied in the picture by Mr. Whitsett's office.

Partial List Pioneer Business Firms, Industries, Profession etc. in the Early Development of Van Nuys

Original owner and developer....W. P. Whitsett
First Bank, First National Bank of Van Nuys....President, H. J. Whitley Cashier, L. E. Bliss.
First Newspaper, "The Call," published by E. R. Elkins for thirteen weeks and purchased by The Van Nuys Publishing Co., Inc., changing the name to "The Van Nuys News," and establishing the first printing plant. Editor and publisher, Frank M. Keffer.
First Grocery Stores....H. S. Trotter, Simgen & Newman
First Hardware Store....Wm. Andrew
First Drug Store....W. E. Bechtelheimer
First Restaurant....E. O. Cunningham
First Plumbers....J. A. Bailey, H. O. Jett
First Garage....F. R. Cyriacks
First Transfer....Fred Donnelly, F. E. Willits
First Hotel....Joseph Donnelly
First Lumber Dealers....G. A. Huffaker, The National Co.
First Nursery....C. B. Hewitt, E. W. Hewitt
First Feed & Fuel Dealer....J. M. Frazer
First Physician....Dr. E. E. Patten
First Dentist....Dr. M. N. Callender
First Blacksmith....R. Stachowicz
First Postmaster....J. B. Langum, A. E. Nordvold, assistant
First Bakery....P. Bobeldyk
First Dairy....W. E. Lane, Chas. Lane
Electrician....R. W. Munro
First P. E. Station Agent....Mrs. X. C. Balcom
First Dry Goods Store....Mrs. A. V. Anabel
First Southern Pacific agent....L. S. Moranda
First Painters....Wm. Vincnt, A. A. Haskell
First Expressman and Drayman....B. W. Dunn
First Theatre Manager....J. W. Frazer
First Theatre building....L. E. Greenburg
First Commercial Poultrymen....C. T. Millee, C. F. Heath, A. M. Harrison
First Commercial Hatchery....B. R. Holloway
First Building Contractors....J. A. Caldwell, J. T. Coleman, W. B. Doolittle, J. W. Miles, W. R. Lehman, W. E. Young, Geo. Hunter.
Pioneer Real Estate Salesmen....Frank R. Haddock, M. M. McConaughey, Robt. U. Biggert, Chas. E. Thurston, L. L. Whitson, Paul F. Shepard.
First Cement Contractors....D. L. Cowan, Jos. LaBelle, W. E. Peck
First School Teacher....Edith Prescott
First School Principal....Mrs. Rhodes
First High School Principal....Nathan F. Smith
First Ministers....Rev. Willard Aldrich, Rev. D. F. Barnes, Rev. W. F. Dowd.
First Sunday School Superintendent....S. T. Meyer
First Church Erected....Presbyterian
First Chamber of Commerce President....S. O. Houghton
First Chamber of Commerce Secretary....Frank M. Keffer
First Social Club....Pioneer Club
First Woman's Club President....Mrs. H. S. Trotter
First Woman's Club Secretary....Mrs. W. A. Bowen
First Grammar School Trustees....Jas. Lyon, W. E. Lane, D. E. Gibson
First High School Trustees....D. E. Gibson, Wm. Campbell, Mrs. H. F. Leslie
First Furniture Dealer and Undertaker....J. B. Langum
First Child Born (October 18, 1911)....Whitley Van Nuys Huffaker
First Automobile Owned and Operated....G. A. Huffaker
First Meat Market....Fred Balster
Pioneer Ranchers....S. O. Houghton, H. J. Lindeman, C. B. Barkla, E. E. Rasor, T. J. Nelk, Geo. B. Jess, D. H. Peres, G. H. Graves, J. L. Stevenson, G. L. Bowen, Paul Edinger, Mrs. Marston, J. H. Calhoun, F. J. Eddy, C. E. Richardson, Jos. Gilbert, Harry J. Clever, Sam Martin, Wm. Campbell, H. F. Leslie, L. A. Gilbert, Chas. Forber, J. T. Russell, J. G. Lennox, C. T. Reynolds, S. V. Rehart, W. J. Petit, C. F. Hale, J. H. Ruby, Noah Luginbill, Jno. Imbach, R. A. Haskins.

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JANUARY 23—Methodist church organized by Rev. F. D. Mather. First pastor, Rev. D. F. Barneo.

FEBRUARY 1—Charter granted for First National Bank of Van Nuys.

FEBRUARY 9—First hotel opened on Sherman Way by Joseph Donnelly, owner and proprietor.

FEBRUARY 17—Plans of Architect A. C. Smith approved by trustees for grammar school building.

FEBRUARY 22—First celebration of Founders Day. Ground broken for grammar school building. Evening program of entertainment and dancing at Van Nuys Hotel.

MARCH 1-12—Rains totaling 3.62 inches ends three weeks period of wind and dust storms.

MARCH 21—Dinner for sales force given by W. P. Whitsett at Christophers in Los Angeles. Attended by many prominent business leaders of city.

MARCH 30—First National Bank of Van Nuys opened for business H. J. Whitley, president, Lewis E. Bliss, cashier, J. H. Heinen, vice-president.

APRIL 3—Woman's club organized with sixteen members. Mrs. H. S. Trotter, president; Mrs. J. H. Calhoun, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Bowen, recording secretary; Mrs. T. E. Ivie, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Ida Bailey, treasurer.

APRIL 7—First Presbyterian church organized with forty-four members by Rev. W. B. Noble, D. D.

APRIL 8—Announced by A. B. S. Co. officials that 6,500 acres of sugar beets were under cultivation in Valley.

APRIL 20—Poppy Day celebration with barbecue and sports.

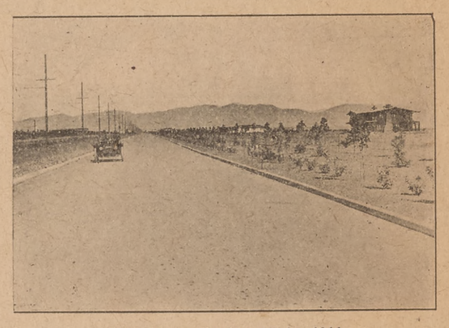
APRIL 22—New highway opened from east terminus of Sherman Way to Lankershim, connecting with Lankershim boulevard.

APRIL 29—Meeting held to organize Board of Trade. Temporary officers, Dr. E. E. Patten, president; F. M. Keffer, secretary.

MAY 2—Van Nuys delegation attends meeting in San Fernando to start plans for securing Los Angeles aqueduct water.

MAY 6—Contract for grammar school awarded to "Ye Planry."

MAY 9—Second water meeting held in Burbank. Resolution passed expressing desire of Valley to negotiate acceptable terms with Los Angeles city for securing aqueduct water. R. P. Waite, San Fernando, chosen chairman; C. H. Kline, Burbank, vice-chairman; and F. M. Keffer, Van Nuys, secretary.



Van Nuys Boulevard in 1911

May 11—Methodist Sunday school picnic held at Encino ranch.

MAY 13—Chamber of Commerce permanently organized. S. O. Houghton, president; Frank M. Keffer, secretary; W. E. Bechtelheimer, vice-president, and Louis E. Bliss, treasurer.

MAY 14—Van Nuy gives Roosevelt and Clark its majority votes in Presidential primary election.

MAY 14—Farmers and Fruit Growers Cooperative association organized. Rev. B. F. Boller, president; Geo. F. Beales, vice-president; Wm. Campbell, vice-president; Curg James, secretary.

JUNE 6—First electricity for domestic use in townsite turned on by Southern California Edison company.

JULY 6—Formal opening of first theatre. C. E. Varney, proprietor.

JULY 12—First proposal of plan for annexation of Valley to city to secure use of water.

JULY 19—First fire in townsite, when Bowe residence, with R. B. Owens as tenant, was destroyed.

JULY 20—Patton and West ranchos opened for sale. Barbecue.

JULY 23—First fatality on Sherman Way, when Martin E. Bazekh was killed when his motorcycle collided with auto.

AUGUST 3—Harvest Festival with exhibit of local products. Excursion over P. E. from Los Angeles.

AUGUST 9—Cornerstone laid for grammar school building with Mark Kepple and H. J. Whitley officiating.

AUGUST 19—Special election for formation of a highway lighting district, to include 54,000 acres, was carried by a vote of 60 to 18.

AUGUST 19—Telephone service established in new building by Pacific Telegraph & Telephone company. Miss Louella Graham first operator. L. G. Fancher in charge.

SEPTEMBER—Rev. Robt. B. McClain chosen first pastor of Presbyterian church.

OCTOBER 23—Contract awarded by state for six miles of paving on Ventura boulevard south of Van Nuys for $33,043.

NOVEMBER 17—Corner stone laid for new Presbyterian church.

DECEMBER 5—Mass meeting of Valley citizens on water question.

DECEMBER 7—Pacific Electric line between Van Nuys and Owensmouth opened and formal opening of Owensmouth townsite. Terrific wind and sand storm marred celebration. Jose Romero barbecue.

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JANUARY 17—One hundred twenty-eight pupils enrolled in grammar school.

JANUARY 27—Chamber of Commerce indorses movement to annex to Los Angeles city.

JANUARY 31—Bids opened for Methodist church building.

FEBRUARY 7—State Highway Commission authorizes bids for paving Ventura boulevard, from Encino avenue to Calabasas.

FEBRUARY 7—Grammar school building formally dedicated.

FEBRUARY 23-27—Seven inches rainfall aids farming operations.

MARCH 4—Contract awarded to John D. Marsh Co. for paving Ventura boulevard, Encino to Calabasas, 10 miles for $55,555.

MARCH 22—Pacific Electric line opened between Van Nuys and San Fernando.

MARCH 29—Auto road race at Owensmouth draws crowd. Thirteen cars entered, including Oldfield, Taft and Tetzlaff.

APRIL 12—Poppy Day celebrated with John McGroarty and Gen. H. G. Otis as speakers. Barbecue. New street lights turned on in townsite.

MAY 3—P. E. O. chapter organized at home of Mrs. J. T. Russell with eleven members.

MAY 12—Sam Lasell and Ernest D. Gibson organize baseball team.

MAY 17—Announcement that Murray M. Harris Pipe Organ Factory would locate in Van Nuys.

MAY 30—First baseball game. Players on local nine, H. Forbes, C. Forbes, Gibson, Lasell, Swaim, Nordvold, McWilliams, Smock, Johnston.

MAY 30—Poultry excursion to Petaluma by local men to gather data and information for expansion of industry around Van Nuys. Resulted in bringing to Van Nuys O. B. Hubbell and L. E. Rankin to assist in movement.

JULY 1—Chamber of Commerce files petition requesting supervisors to construct road from Valley to Beverly Hills through Benedict Canyon.

JULY 4—Community picnic held under auspices Chamber of Commerce at Sheep ranch on Ventura boulevard.

JULY 18—Chamber of Commerce inaugurates move to get directing sign placed at Ventura boulevard and South Sherman Way.

JULY 21—Construction started on organ factory.

Opening Sale Took Place in 1911 on This Corner

JULY 28—Bids opened by supervisors for installing 124 five-light posts and 295 three-light posts in Van Nuys Highway Lighting District.

AUGUST 1—Sherman Way, deeded to county, becomes public highway.

AUGUST 3—Dedication of Presbyterian church.

AUGUST 11—Chamber of Commerce sponsors move to form County Road Improvement District to improve townsite streets.

AUGUST 31—Dedication of Methodist church with Rev. Matt. Hughes officiating.

AUGUST 24—Fire destroys First National Bank and Harry Kliban store.

SEPTEMBER 12—Grammar school opens with 110 pupils and five teachers.

SEPTEMBER 26—Movement instituted to form a high school district and secure a building.

OCTOBER 6—Volunteer fire company organized. J. W. Miles, chief; L. G. Fancher, captain; A. E. Nordvold, treasurer.

OCTOBER 20—Contract awarded for street lights on Ventura boulevard.

NOVEMBER 1—Street lights illuminated for first time between Encino avenue and Owensmouth.

NOVEMBER 5—First aqueduct water turned into mains running through Valley.

NOVEMBER 19—Organ Company moves into new plant.

DECEMBER 16—Committee formed to arrange details for annexation and securing use of aqueduct water. H. G. Hubbard, John T. Wilson, F. M. Wright, R. H. Hiile, F. A. Powell, Frank M. Keffer, C. J. Forbes, E. L. DeRemer, N. A. Gray, Chas. A. Toll, Dan Campbell, B. F. Wolff, John Haas, Alex Jeffrey, W. J. Williams and L. K. Chase.

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JANUARY 1—Van Nuys band, with M. N. Callender director, appears in float in Rose Carnival parade in Pasadena.

JANUARY 6—High school district formed at special election.

JANUARY 19—High school trustees, D. M. Gibson, Wm. Campbell and Mrs. H. F. Leslie, meet to organize and take first steps to secure building.

JANUARY 17-18—4.46 inches rainfall.

JANUARY 20—Nathan F. Smith chosen as high school principal and election ordered for $120,000 bond issue to secure site and building.

JANUARY 24-26—Heavy rainfall. Van Nuys on main line of Southern Pacific, when trains routed over Chatsworth branch line.

JANUARY 25—First Catholic service in Van Nuys held by Rev. F. C. P. Campbell of Burbank.

FEBRUARY 2—Chamber of Commerce starts move to secure protection from storm waters. H. M. Lennox, J. H. Calhoun and Frank M. Keffer named on committee.

FEBRUARY 10—Southern California Edison company opens headquarters here with Chas. H. Coulter as district manager.

FEBRUARY 11—Branch of county library opened with Mrs. H. S. Trotter and Mrs. Paul F. Shepard in charge. Room in school building.

FEBRUARY 18-21—Heavy rains, totalling 7.17 inches, cause flooded condition when Pacoima Wash goes on rampage.

FEBRUARY 24—Election on $120,000 bond issue for high school. Proposition carried 118 to 0.

MARCH 10—C. E. Varney opens theatre in Whitson block.

MARCH 17—G. G. Steere starts poultry plant near Van Nuys.

MAY 2—Tentative boundaries for proposed Water Works District, embracing 85,545 acres in Valley, approved by Valley committee.

JUNE 1—First rural route established for Van Nuys postoffice.

JUNE 3—Van Nuys Masonic Lodge instituted with 15 members. Rooms in First National Bank building. J. A. Bailey, W. M., L. L. Whitson, S. W., L. E. Bliss, J. W., J. G. Hathaway, secretary, M. N. Callender, treasurer.

JUNE 6—Thirty-five miles of highway lights turned on with Mardi Gras celebration.

JULY 3—Block E in townsite selected for high school site.

JULY 20—First surveys started to provide storm water control for Van Nuys area.

AUGUST 8—Bids opened for high school building and contracts awarded to Fred Stahlhuth and others for $70,244.

AUGUST 10—Boundaries of Water Works district reduced to 76,080 acres and allotment of $2,555,104 approved as districts share of cost for entire Valley installation. Bond issue of $2,606,000 recommended to supervisors.

AUGUST 10—State Bank of Owensmouth chartered.

AUGUST 25—L. L. Whitson nominated for Justice of Peace at primary in close race.

NOVEMBER 10—Special election on formation of Water Works District No. 3 and $2,606,000 bond issue. Vote: Van Nuys, 431 for, 8 against; Owensmouth, 78 for, 0 against; Pacoima, 79 for, 1 against; Chatsworth 150 for, 3 against. Total, 738 for, 12 against.

DECEMBER 14—School trustees authorize installation of pipe organ in high school.

DECEMBER 15—Pacific Electric station opened with Mrs. X. C. Balcom as agent.

DECEMBER 17—Federation of Poultrymen organized in bank room. B. R. Holloway presided.

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JANUARY 1—Van Nuys postoffice becomes Third class office.

JANUARY 19—Van Nuys-Owensmouth-Marian Growers and Canning association organized. G. G. Williamson, president; R. L. Owens, vice-president; L. E. Bliss, treasurer; A. J. Boulanger, secretary and manager.

FEBRUARY 27—D. M. Gibson appointed postmaster by President Wilson.

MARCH 20—Valley votes on annexation to Los Angeles city. Votes: Van Nuys 397 for, 14 against; Owensmouth 62 for, 0 against; Chatsworth 69 for, 2 against; Pacoima 142 for, 7 against; Roscoe 11 for, 2 against. Total 681 for, 25 against.

MARCH 31—Public reception and farewell for Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Patten who leave for Maine.

APRIL 5—Van Nuys Road Improvement District No. 82 created to pave and curb townsite streets. County provides $15,000. District $65,000.

Building P. E. Railway Van Nuys Blvd., 1911

APRIL 7—W. P. Whitsett purchases 240 acres north of Van Nuys and opens tract for settlement.

APRIL 19—Contract awarded to R. H. McCray & Co. by supervisors for townsite paving and curbing.

MAY 4—Van Nuys becomes an integral part of Los Angeles city, when city gives a 13,000 majority vote in favor of annexing the Valley area.

MAY 8—Contracts let to J. W. Duke, Geo. Drake, J. A. Bailey and J. B. Mollett for erecting cannery buildings in Van Nuys and Owensmouth.

MAY 29—Valley celebrates opening of Topanga Canyon road from ocean to Owensmouth.

MAY 29—First aqueduct water turned into mains and washes for use in Valley.

JUNE 1—Van Nuys casts its first vote in a municipal primary election as part of Los Angeles city.

JUNE 7—Los Angeles County Press association guests of local Chamber of Commerce. Banquet in Whitson Hall.

JUNE 16—First high school commencement. Graduates, Winona Marie Lane and Sara June Johnson.

JULY 2—Van Nuys Poultry association organized with large membership, owning and controlling 200,000 hens.

AUGUST 1—Aqueduct water turned into townsite mains.

AUGUST 3—Eastern Star chapter instituted. Mrs. L. L. Whitson, W. M.; C. B. Barkla, W. P.; Mrs. L. G. Fancher, Associate M.; Mrs. Carl B. Barkla, secretary; Mrs. B. R. Holloway, treasurer; Mrs. G. A. Bohlander, conductress; Mrs. Wm. Vincent, associate conductress.

AUGUST 10—H. J. Whitley buys unsold holdings of Los Angeles Suburban Homes company for $830,000 and forms new syndicate to handle same.

OCTOBER 1—Telephone service extended to West Sherman Way.

OCTOBER 4—Water Works District No. 3 bonds validated by State Supreme court allowing installation of Valley distributing system to proceed.

OCTOBER 23—City establishes garbage disposal service in townsite.

NOVEMBER 22-24—W. P. Whitsett conducts poultry show in Los Angeles with cooperation of Van Nuys poultrymen.

NOVEMBER—Dairies established by J. W. Chase and V. DelFante.

DECEMBER 10—Knights of Pythias Lodge instituted. L. M. Cleveland, C. C.; C. T. Millee, vice C. C.; Geo. Drake, Prelate; A. W. Ruegg, K. of S.; Frank Colegrove, M. of F.; L. L. Whitson, M. of Ex. Rooms in Whitson building.

DECEMBER 30—Snow storm provides white blanket for Van Nuys area and gives many residents their first close up of real snow. Snowmen and snowballing.

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FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAM GIVEN

Three Past Presidents of Topeka Drive P.-T A. Attend Meeting

By MRS. RUTH McDONALD
Tarzana Correspondent

Founder's Day was celebrated at Topeka Drive school Monday with a skit enacted by pupils of Mr. Cleland, fifth and sixth grade teacher. The children represented characters who were instrumental in founding and furthering parent-teacher work.

Three past presidents were present, including Mrs. Edna Lang, Mrs. Mary Whitmire and Mrs. Samuel MacDonald, Jr., and were honored with presiding at the urns during the social hour. A decorated cake, the usual feature of the occasion was auctioned off, the money to be sent to national headquarters.

It was agreed to have speakers pro and con on the bond issue at the next meeting.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. George Bradley, Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. J. Murray.

REV. RAFTER INJURED

The Reverend George S. Rafter, rector of the Episcopal Missions at Reseda, Van Nuys and Tujunga, was severely injured in an automobile accident last Friday at the intersection of Radford avenue and San Fernando road. After receiving emergency treatment, he was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital on Shatto and Lucas in Los Angeles. He suffered three broken ribs, a compound break of the left knee and deep lacerations about the face. Due to his general debility he was not able to have the bones set until the latter part of the week when at that time he would be administered an anesthetic.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The "birthday party" given Friday evening at the Recreational Center by members of the Tarzana Woman's club was well attended by members, husbands and friends. The guests during the dinner hour were grouped according to their birthdays, and each table was decorated with their season motifs. Birthday cakes graced each table. Most amusing to all was the reading of horoscopes.

Following the dinner a delightful skit was presented by the recent graduates of Topeka Drive school. The cast of "Wieners on Wednesday" were Evelyn Crawford, Bruce Bright MacDonald, Arline Murray, Robert Brackett, Mildred Jorgerson and Eileen Evans. Cards finished out a most pleasant evening. Those in charge were Mrs. George Bradley, Mrs. Myrtle Tafel and Mrs. A. E. Nicely.

13 TABLES AT BRIDGE

Thirteen tables of bridge were played at the party given Tuesday evening at the Weeks Community Hall by the Guild-Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Lovely prizes which were donated were awarded to high and low score holders.

Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Harry Wenberg, Mrs. Harry Skinner and Mrs. J. A. Hill.

TARZANA NEWS NOTES

Nels Nelson returned to his business and home in New Westminster, British Columbia last Tuesday. He has been here with his family since November and many affairs have been given honoring him.

Mrs. J. C. Ayers attended the conference Monday of the Handicraft section of the Federated Woman's club.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Holmes of Sonora are in Los Angeles where they were called at the death of Mr. Holmes' mother last Wednesday. The funeral was held in Los Angeles on Friday. Mr. Holmes and his wife will remain here for a month or more.

The Get-Together club entertained their husbands with a dinner party held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Armstrong Wednesday evening. The dinner was served at seven o'clock at a table charmingly arranged, holding place cards for seventeen. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beekeloo, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Mrs. Grace Fuller, Mrs. Ina Martinson, Mrs. Pauline Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. C. Isley, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frenn and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bassett.

Thursday the Tarzana Woman's club and the Reseda Woman's club held a joint meeting at the Community Hall to enjoy the program presented by the Bible section of the Tarzana Woman's club. Mrs. P. Jacobson is the chairman and Mrs. George Green is the teacher.

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Crescent MILK 3 cans 16c

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100% Pure Pork Sausage lb 15c
Rump, Lean, Tender Roast lb 12½c
Choice Beef POT ROAST lb 10c
Jack Cheese, Longhorn, Oregon Special Cheese lb 17c
Seven or Round Bone Roast lb 12½c
Prime Rib Roast lb 12½c
Pork Roast lb 10-12c
PICNIC HAMS lb 10c
Bacon Squares lb 10c
Ground BEEF lb 10c
PURE LARD or COMPOUND bulk 2 lbs 15c
Pork Loin Roast lb 17c
Pork Steak lb 15c
PEANUT BUTTER lb 12c
SHOULDER LAMB lb 12½c
Leg Spring LAMB lb 20c

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Fancy Idaho Russets POTATOES 12 lbs 25c
Oregon Pippin Apples 8 lbs 24c
Sweet Navel Oranges 4 doz 15c

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14c
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Lettuce, Northern, Head
Turnips, Bunch
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1c

Interesting Chronology of Historical Events

Leading Up to the Founding of Van Nuys and Covering the First Five Years of Development in New Town in San Fernando Valley From 1769 to 1915

Compiled by Frank M. Keffer for Old-Timers' and Founders' Day Celebration February 22, 1934, Sponsored by Van Nuys Kiwanis Club

1769

Don Gaspar de Portola, on historic exploration journey, found this valley and christened it "El Valle de Santa Cataline de Bononia de los Encinos" (The Valley of Saint Catherine of Bononia of the Live Oaks). Indians only settlers.

1797

September 8. Valley renamed "El Valle de San Fernando," when Mission San Fernando Ray de Espana was founded by Fathers Fermin Francisco de Lausen and Francisco Dumetz.

1831

Pio Pico victor in battle at Mission with Manuel Victoria, after which he received a large grant of land included in the Valley.

1842

Grant of 136,000 acres by Pio Pico to Eulogio F. de Celis for $14,000.

1854

Pio Pico rebought a half interest in these lands for $15,000.

1869

Isaac Lankershim organized a syndicate of San Frencisco capitalists, known as The San Fernando Farm Homestead association and purchased 59,500 acres in the southern part of the Valley for $115,000. I. N. Van Nuys was one of the large stockholders of the association. Soon after there were formed from these lands and in the south and west parts of the Valley six large ranchos, known as the Sheep, Kester, Home, Patton, West and Workman.

1871

Name of association changed to The San Fernando Sheep Company, when 40,000 sheep and many cattle were herded on the lands.

1873

I. N. Van Nuys rented a large body of the lands and pioneered the cultivation of wheat, which soon became a major industry and replaced sheep herding.

1880

Van Nuys and Lankershims pool interests and organize The Los Angeles Farm and Milling company, adding flour milling to their extensive operations.

1888

Bumper yield of 510,000 bushels of wheat raised on lands owned and operated by the Farming and Milling company.

1910

December. Tract of 47,500 acres, including the six ranchos named above, purchased from Los Angeles Farm and Milling company by The Los Angeles Suburban Homes company, a syndicate composed of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Harry Chandler, Gen. M. H. Sherman, O. F. Brant and H. J. Whitley. Participating shares were issued and taken over by many of the prominent business men of Los Angeles and vicinity. H. J. Whitley was made manager and an extensive program of developments outlined, including the construction of Sherman Way boulevard and the extension of the Pacific Electric railway from Hollywood into and through the tract. The lands were surveyed by V. J. Rowan and three townsites platted, Van Nuys, Marian and Owensmouth. The surrounding lands were cut up into parcels ranging from 2½ to 40 acres and an intensive sales campaign was projected.

Scene on Opening Day Van Nuys Townsite February 22, 1911

VAN NUYS DEVELOPMENT

1911

JANUARY—W. P. Whitsett purchased half interest in Van Nuys townsite named for I. N. Van Nuys, and starts development program. Well drilled, water lines laid, streets graded, buildings started, and first sales made in townsite and tract. Construction started on Sherman Way and Pacific Electric railway.

FEBRUARY 22—Formal opening of Van Nuys townsite with auction sale of lots, barbecue prepared by Jose Romero, and dedication speech by Col. Tom Fitch. Excursion from Los Angeles over Southern Pacific railway, autos and horsedrawn vehicles bring large crowd. Sales made on this day totalled over $200,000.

JUNE 16—Pioneer Club, a social organization, formed to meet at homes of members. F. D. Haddock, president; W. E. Bechtelheimer, vice-president, and G. G. Hunter, secretary. Fourteen members.

JUNE—Community church organized by Rev. Willard Aldrich of Lankershim. Meetings held in room in Syndicate block. S. T. Meyer, Sunday school superintendent. Thirteen present at first service.

AUGUST 18—Postoffice established with J. B. Langum as postmaster and A. E. Nordvold, assistant.

AUGUST 24—First issue Van Nuys Call.

SEPTEMBER—Miss Edith Prescott employed by townsite owners as school teacher. Fifteen pupils enrolled.

OCTOBER 28—School district organized. Jas. Lyon, D. E. Gibson an W. E. Lane chosen as trustees.

NOVEMBER 15—School trustees meet to start action to secure a grammar school building.

NOVEMBER 24—First issue of Van Nuys News, successor to The Call. Frank M. Keffer, editor and publisher.

NOVEMBER 30—Study club organized by Mrs. Howard S. Trotter.

DECEMBER 2—First election held in new town defeated proposition to consolidate with San Fernando Union high school district by a vote of 17 to 0.

DECEMBER 4—Election to vote on $50,000 bond issue for a grammar school building. Proposition carried 80 to 0.

DECEMBER 12—Branch office of American Beet Sugar company opened with Maj. P. Carr in charge, W. A. Connolly, assistant, and Frances Taylor, chief clerk.

DECEMBER 16—First street car, Los Angeles to Van Nuys, over Pacific Electric line. Regular service established with ten cars each way daily. Fares 45c one way, 75c round trip. Barbecue and celebration. Large crowd.

December 22—Van Nuys Publishing company incorporated to conduct publishing and printing business. F. M. Keffer, president. A. E. Chamberlain, first printer. Printing equipment was first freight consignment over Pacific Electric to be received in Van Nuys.

DECEMBER 22—Two hundred attend first Christmas service held in temporary church room.

First Office Building Erected in Van Nuys

VAN NUYS TOWNSITE AT IT LOOKED ON FEBRUARY 22, 1911—JUST TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO TODAY

The above photograph was taken from about the location of the present William Andrew building, looking north on Van Nuys boulevard. The automobile in the foreground is facing east on Sylvan street. The tent is at the present location of the Sutton building. The derrick for the town well can be seen over the tent and was located about where the new Van Nuys Theatre building now stands. W. P. Whitsett's small office building, to the right of the center of the picture, and the large black board, were the center of activities, the opening lot sale being held that day. Today the Security-First National Bank building stands at the corner occupied in the picture by Mr. Whitsett's office.

Partial List Pioneer Business Firms, Industries, Profession etc. in the Early Development of Van Nuys

Original owner and developer....W. P. Whitsett
First Bank, First National Bank of Van Nuys....President, H. J. Whitley Cashier, L. E. Bliss.
First Newspaper, "The Call," published by E. R. Elkins for thirteen weeks and purchased by The Van Nuys Publishing Co., Inc., changing the name to "The Van Nuys News," and establishing the first printing plant. Editor and publisher, Frank M. Keffer.
First Grocery Stores....H. S. Trotter, Simgen & Newman
First Hardware Store....Wm. Andrew
First Drug Store....W. E. Bechtelheimer
First Restaurant....E. O. Cunningham
First Plumbers....J. A. Bailey, H. O. Jett
First Garage....F. R. Cyriacks
First Transfer....Fred Donnelly, F. E. Willits
First Hotel....Joseph Donnelly
First Lumber Dealers....G. A. Huffaker, The National Co.
First Nursery....C. B. Hewitt, E. W. Hewitt
First Feed & Fuel Dealer....J. M. Frazer
First Physician....Dr. E. E. Patten
First Dentist....Dr. M. N. Callender
First Blacksmith....R. Stachowicz
First Postmaster....J. B. Langum, A. E. Nordvold, assistant
First Bakery....P. Bobeldyk
First Dairy....W. E. Lane, Chas. Lane
Electrician....R. W. Munro
First P. E. Station Agent....Mrs. X. C. Balcom
First Dry Goods Store....Mrs. A. V. Anabel
First Southern Pacific agent....L. S. Moranda
First Painters....Wm. Vincnt, A. A. Haskell
First Expressman and Drayman....B. W. Dunn
First Theatre Manager....J. W. Frazer
First Theatre building....L. E. Greenburg
First Commercial Poultrymen....C. T. Millee, C. F. Heath, A. M. Harrison
First Commercial Hatchery....B. R. Holloway
First Building Contractors....J. A. Caldwell, J. T. Coleman, W. B. Doolittle, J. W. Miles, W. R. Lehman, W. E. Young, Geo. Hunter.
Pioneer Real Estate Salesmen....Frank R. Haddock, M. M. McConaughey, Robt. U. Biggert, Chas. E. Thurston, L. L. Whitson, Paul F. Shepard.
First Cement Contractors....D. L. Cowan, Jos. LaBelle, W. E. Peck
First School Teacher....Edith Prescott
First School Principal....Mrs. Rhodes
First High School Principal....Nathan F. Smith
First Ministers....Rev. Willard Aldrich, Rev. D. F. Barnes, Rev. W. F. Dowd.
First Sunday School Superintendent....S. T. Meyer
First Church Erected....Presbyterian
First Chamber of Commerce President....S. O. Houghton
First Chamber of Commerce Secretary....Frank M. Keffer
First Social Club....Pioneer Club
First Woman's Club President....Mrs. H. S. Trotter
First Woman's Club Secretary....Mrs. W. A. Bowen
First Grammar School Trustees....Jas. Lyon, W. E. Lane, D. E. Gibson
First High School Trustees....D. E. Gibson, Wm. Campbell, Mrs. H. F. Leslie
First Furniture Dealer and Undertaker....J. B. Langum
First Child Born (October 18, 1911)....Whitley Van Nuys Huffaker
First Automobile Owned and Operated....G. A. Huffaker
First Meat Market....Fred Balster
Pioneer Ranchers....S. O. Houghton, H. J. Lindeman, C. B. Barkla, E. E. Rasor, T. J. Nelk, Geo. B. Jess, D. H. Peres, G. H. Graves, J. L. Stevenson, G. L. Bowen, Paul Edinger, Mrs. Marston, J. H. Calhoun, F. J. Eddy, C. E. Richardson, Jos. Gilbert, Harry J. Clever, Sam Martin, Wm. Campbell, H. F. Leslie, L. A. Gilbert, Chas. Forber, J. T. Russell, J. G. Lennox, C. T. Reynolds, S. V. Rehart, W. J. Petit, C. F. Hale, J. H. Ruby, Noah Luginbill, Jno. Imbach, R. A. Haskins.

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JANUARY 23—Methodist church organized by Rev. F. D. Mather. First pastor, Rev. D. F. Barneo.

FEBRUARY 1—Charter granted for First National Bank of Van Nuys.

FEBRUARY 9—First hotel opened on Sherman Way by Joseph Donnelly, owner and proprietor.

FEBRUARY 17—Plans of Architect A. C. Smith approved by trustees for grammar school building.

FEBRUARY 22—First celebration of Founders Day. Ground broken for grammar school building. Evening program of entertainment and dancing at Van Nuys Hotel.

MARCH 1-12—Rains totaling 8.62 inches ends three weeks period of wind and dust storms.

MARCH 21—Dinner for sales force given by W. P. Whitsett at Christophers in Los Angeles. Attended by many prominent business leaders of city.

MARCH 30—First National Bank of Van Nuys opened for business H. J. Whitley, president, Lewis E. Bliss, cashier, J. H. Heinen, vice-president.

APRIL 3—Woman's club organized with sixteen members. Mrs. H. S. Trotter, president; Mrs. J. H. Calhoun, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Bowen, recording secretary; Mrs. T. E. Ivie, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Ida Bailey, treasurer.

APRIL 7—First Presbyterian church organized with forty-four members by Rev. W. B. Noble, D. D.

APRIL 8—Announced by A. B. S. Co. officials that 6,500 acres of sugar beets were under cultivation in Valley.

APRIL 20—Poppy Day celebration with barbecue and sports.

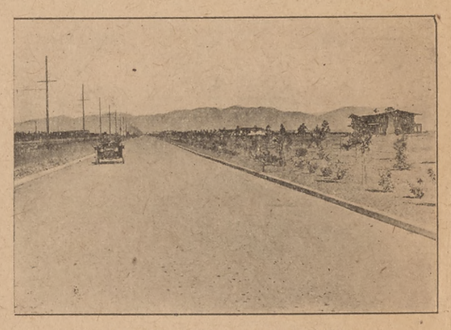
APRIL 22—New highway opened from east terminus of Sherman Way to Lankershim, connecting with Lankershim boulevard.

APRIL 29—Meeting held to organize Board of Trade. Temporary officers, Dr. E. E. Patten, president; F. M. Keffer, secretary.

MAY 2—Van Nuys delegation attends meeting in San Fernando to start plans for securing Los Angeles aqueduct water.

MAY 6—Contract for grammar school awarded to "Ye Planry."

MAY 9—Second water meeting held in Burbank. Resolution passed expressing desire of Valley to negotiate acceptable terms with Los Angeles city for securing aqueduct water. R. P. Waite, San Fernando, chosen chairman; C. H. Kline, Burbank, vice-chairman; and F. M. Keffer, Van Nuys, secretary.



Van Nuys Boulevard in 1911

May 11—Methodist Sunday school picnic held at Encino ranch.

MAY 13—Chamber of Commerce permanently organized. S. O. Houghton, president; Frank M. Keffer, secretary; W. E. Bechtelheimer, vice-president, and Louis E. Bliss, treasurer.

MAY 14—Van Nuy gives Roosevelt and Clark its majority votes in Presidential primary election.

MAY 14—Farmers and Fruit Growers Cooperative association organized. Rev. B. F. Boller, president; Geo. F. Beales, vice-president; Wm. Campbell, vice-president; Curg James, secretary.

JUNE 6—First electricity for domestic use in townsite turned on by Southern California Edison company.

JULY 6—Formal opening of first theatre. C. E. Varney, proprietor.

JULY 12—First proposal of plan for annexation of Valley to city to secure use of water.

JULY 19—First fire in townsite, when Bowe residence, with R. B. Owens as tenant, was destroyed.

JULY 20—Patton and West ranchos opened for sale. Barbecue.

JULY 23—First fatality on Sherman Way, when Martin E. Bazekh was killed when his motorcycle collided with auto.

AUGUST 3—Harvest Festival with exhibit of local products. Excursion over P. E. from Los Angeles.

AUGUST 9—Cornerstone laid for grammar school building with Mark Kepple and H. J. Whitley officiating.

AUGUST 19—Special election for formation of a highway lighting district, to include 54,000 acres, was carried by a vote of 60 to 18.

AUGUST 19—Telephone service established in new building by Pacific Telegraph & Telephone company. Miss Louella Graham first operator. L. G. Fancher in charge.

SEPTEMBER—Rev. Robt. B. McClain chosen first pastor of Presbyterian church.

OCTOBER 23—Contract awarded by state for six miles of paving on Ventura boulevard south of Van Nuys for $33,043.

NOVEMBER 17—Corner stone laid for new Presbyterian church.

DECEMBER 5—Mass meeting of Valley citizens on water question.

DECEMBER 7—Pacific Electric line between Van Nuys and Owensmouth opened and formal opening of Owensmouth townsite. Terrific wind and sand storm marred celebration. Jose Romero barbecue.

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JANUARY 17—One hundred twenty-eight pupils enrolled in grammar school.

JANUARY 27—Chamber of Commerce indorses movement to annex to Los Angeles city.

JANUARY 31—Bids opened for Methodist church building.

FEBRUARY 7—State Highway Commission authorizes bids for paving Ventura boulevard, from Encino avenue to Calabasas.

FEBRUARY 7—Grammar school building formally dedicated.

FEBRUARY 23-27—Seven inches rainfall aids farming operations.

MARCH 4—Contract awarded to John D. Marsh Co. for paving Ventura boulevard, Encino to Calabasas, 10 miles for $55,555.

MARCH 22—Pacific Electric line opened between Van Nuys and San Fernando.

MARCH 29—Auto road race at Owensmouth draws crowd. Thirteen cars entered, including Oldfield, Taft and Tetzlaff.

APRIL 12—Poppy Day celebrated with John McGroarty and Gen. H. G. Otis as speakers. Barbecue. New street lights turned on in townsite.

MAY 3—P. E. O. chapter organized at home of Mrs. J. T. Russell with eleven members.

MAY 12—Sam Lasell and Ernest D. Gibson organize baseball team.

MAY 17—Announcement that Murray M. Harris Pipe Organ Factory would locate in Van Nuys.

MAY 30—First baseball game. Players on local nine, H. Forbes, C. Forbes, Gibson, Lasell, Swaim, Nordvold, McWilliams, Smock, Johnston.

MAY 30—Poultry excursion to Petaluma by local men to gather data and information for expansion of industry around Van Nuys. Resulted in bringing to Van Nuys O. B. Hubbell and L. E. Rankin to assist in movement.

JULY 1—Chamber of Commerce files petition requesting supervisors to construct road from Valley to Beverly Hills through Benedict Canyon.

JULY 4—Community picnic held under auspices Chamber of Commerce at Sheep ranch on Ventura boulevard.

JULY 18—Chamber of Commerce inaugurates move to get directing sign placed at Ventura boulevard and South Sherman Way.

JULY 21—Construction started on organ factory.

Opening Sale Took Place in 1911 on This Corner

JULY 28—Bids opened by supervisors for installing 124 five-light posts and 295 three-light posts in Van Nuys Highway Lighting District.

AUGUST 1—Sherman Way, deeded to county, becomes public highway.

AUGUST 3—Dedication of Presbyterian church.

AUGUST 11—Chamber of Commerce sponsors move to form County Road Improvement District to improve townsite streets.

AUGUST 31—Dedication of Methodist church with Rev. Matt. Hughes officiating.

AUGUST 24—Fire destroys First National Bank and Harry Kliban store.

SEPTEMBER 12—Grammar school opens with 110 pupils and five teachers.

SEPTEMBER 26—Movement instituted to form a high school district and secure a building.

OCTOBER 6—Volunteer fire company organized. J. W. Miles, chief; L. G. Fancher, captain; A. E. Nordvold, treasurer.

OCTOBER 20—Contract awarded for street lights on Ventura boulevard.

NOVEMBER 1—Street lights illuminated for first time between Encino avenue and Owensmouth.

NOVEMBER 5—First aqueduct water turned into mains running through Valley.

NOVEMBER 19—Organ Company moves into new plant.

DECEMBER 16—Committee formed to arrange details for annexation and securing use of aqueduct water. H. G. Hubbard, John T. Wilson, F. M. Wright, R. H. Hille, F. A. Powell, Frank M. Keffer, C. J. Forbes, E. L. DeRemer, N. A. Gray, Chas. A. Toll, Dan Campbell, B. F. Wolff, John Haas, Alex Jeffrey, W. J. Williams and L. K. Chase.

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JANUARY 1—Van Nuys band, with M. N. Callender director, appears in float in Rose Carnival parade in Pasadena.

JANUARY 6—High school district formed at special election.

JANUARY 19—High school trustees, D. M. Gibson, Wm. Campbell and Mrs. H. F. Leslie, meet to organize and take first steps to secure building.

JANUARY 17-18—4.46 inches rainfall.

JANUARY 20—Nathan F. Smith chosen as high school principal and election ordered for $120,000 bond issue to secure site and building.

JANUARY 24-26—Heavy rainfall. Van Nuys on main line of Southern Pacific, when trains routed over Chatsworth branch line.

JANUARY 25—First Catholic service in Van Nuys held by Rev. F. C. P. Campbell of Burbank.

FEBRUARY 2—Chamber of Commerce starts move to secure protection from storm waters. H. M. Lennox, J. H. Calhoun and Frank M. Keffer named on committee.

FEBRUARY 10—Southern California Edison company opens headquarters here with Chas. H. Coulter as district manager.

FEBRUARY 11—Branch of county library opened with Mrs. H. S. Trotter and Mrs. Paul F. Shepard in charge. Room in school building.

FEBRUARY 18-21—Heavy rains, totalling 7.17 inches, cause flooded condition when Pacoima Wash goes on rampage.

FEBRUARY 24—Election on $120,000 bond issue for high school. Proposition carried 118 to 0.

MARCH 10—C. E. Varney opens theatre in Whitson block.

MARCH 17—G. G. Steere starts poultry plant near Van Nuys.

MAY 2—Tentative boundaries for proposed Water Works District, embracing 85,545 acres in Valley, approved by Valley committee.

JUNE 1—First rural route established for Van Nuys postoffice.

JUNE 3—Van Nuys Masonic Lodge instituted with 15 members. Rooms in First National Bank building. J. A. Bailey, W. M., L. L. Whitson, S. W., L. E. Bliss, J. W., J. G. Hathaway, secretary, M. N. Callender, treasurer.

JUNE 6—Thirty-five miles of highway lights turned on with Mardi Gras celebration.

JULY 3—Block E in townsite selected for high school site.

JULY 20—First surveys started to provide storm water control for Van Nuys area.

AUGUST 8—Bids opened for high school building and contracts awarded to Fred Stahlhuth and others for $70,244.

AUGUST 10—Boundaries of Water Works district reduced to 76,080 acres and allotment of $2,555,104 approved as districts share of cost for entire Valley installation. Bond issue of $2,606,000 recommended to supervisors.

AUGUST 10—State Bank of Owensmouth chartered.

AUGUST 25—L. L. Whitson nominated for Justice of Peace at primary in close race.

NOVEMBER 10—Special election on formation of Water Works District No. 3 and $2,606,000 bond issue. Vote: Van Nuys, 431 for, 8 against; Owensmouth, 78 for, 0 against; Pacoima, 79 for, 1 against; Chatsworth 150 for, 3 against. Total, 738 for, 12 against.

DECEMBER 14—School trustees authorize installation of pipe organ in high school.

DECEMBER 15—Pacific Electric station opened with Mrs. X. C. Balcom as agent.

DECEMBER 17—Federation of Poultrymen organized in bank room. B. R. Holloway presided.

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JANUARY 1—Van Nuys postoffice becomes Third class office.

JANUARY 19—Van Nuys-Owensmouth-Marian Growers and Canning association organized. G. G. Williamson, president; R. L. Owens, vice-president; L. E. Bliss, treasurer; A. J. Boulanger, secretary and manager.

FEBRUARY 27—D. M. Gibson appointed postmaster by President Wilson.

MARCH 20—Valley votes on annexation to Los Angeles city. Votes: Van Nuys 397 for, 14 against; Owensmouth 62 for, 0 against; Chatsworth 69 for, 2 against; Pacoima 142 for, 7 against; Roscoe 11 for, 2 against. Total 681 for, 25 against.

MARCH 31—Public reception and farewell for Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Patten who leave for Maine.

APRIL 5—Van Nuys Road Improvement District No. 82 created to pave and curb townsite streets. County provides $15,000. District $65,000.

Building P. E. Railway Van Nuys Blvd., 1911

APRIL 7—W. P. Whitsett purchases 240 acres north of Van Nuys and opens tract for settlement.

APRIL 19—Contract awarded to R. H. McCray & Co. by supervisors for townsite paving and curbing.

MAY 4—Van Nuys becomes an integral part of Los Angeles city, when city gives a 13,000 majority vote in favor of annexing the Valley area.

MAY 8—Contracts let to J. W. Duke, Geo. Drake, J. A. Bailey and J. B. Mollett for erecting cannery buildings in Van Nuys and Owensmouth.

MAY 29—Valley celebrates opening of Topanga Canyon road from ocean to Owensmouth.

MAY 29—First aqueduct water turned into mains and washes for use in Valley.

JUNE 1—Van Nuys casts its first vote in a municipal primary election as part of Los Angeles city.

JUNE 7—Los Angeles County Press association guests of local Chamber of Commerce. Banquet in Whitson Hall.

JUNE 16—First high school commencement. Graduates, Winona Marie Lane and Sara June Johnson.

JULY 2—Van Nuys Poultry association organized with large membership, owning and controlling 200,000 hens.

AUGUST 1—Aqueduct water turned into townsite mains.

AUGUST 3—Eastern Star chapter instituted. Mrs. L. L. Whitson, W. M.; C. B. Barkla, W. P.; Mrs. L. G. Fancher, Associate M.; Mrs. Carl B. Barkla, secretary; Mrs. B. R. Holloway, treasurer; Mrs. G. A. Bohlander, conductress; Mrs. Wm. Vincent, associate conductress.

AUGUST 10—H. J. Whitley buys unsold holdings of Los Angeles Suburban Homes company for $830,000 and forms new syndicate to handle same.

OCTOBER 1—Telephone service extended to West Sherman Way.

OCTOBER 4—Water Works District No. 3 bonds validated by State Supreme court allowing installation of Valley distributing system to proceed.

OCTOBER 23—City establishes garbage disposal service in townsite.

NOVEMBER 22-24—W. P. Whitsett conducts poultry show in Los Angeles with cooperation of Van Nuys poultrymen.

NOVEMBER—Dairies established by J. W. Chase and V. DelFante.

DECEMBER 10—Knights of Pythias Lodge instituted. L. M. Cleveland, C. C.; C. T. Millee, vice C. C.; Geo. Drake, Prelate; A. W. Ruegg, K. of S.; Frank Colegrove, M. of F.; L. L. Whitson, M. of Ex. Rooms in Whitson building.

DECEMBER 30—Snow storm provides white blanket for Van Nuys area and gives many residents their first close up of real snow. Snowmen and snowballing.

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FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAM GIVEN

Three Past Presidents of Topeka Drive P.-T A. Attend Meeting

By MRS. RUTH McDONALD
Tarzana Correspondent

Founder's Day was celebrated at Topeka Drive school Monday with a skit enacted by pupils of Mr. Cleland, fifth and sixth grade teacher. The children represented characters who were instrumental in founding and furthering parent-teacher work.

Three past presidents were present, including Mrs. Edna Lang, Mrs. Mary Whitmire and Mrs. Samuel MacDonald, Jr., and were honored with presiding at the urns during the social hour. A decorated cake, the usual feature of the occasion was auctioned off, the money to be sent to national headquarters.

It was agreed to have speakers pro and con on the bond issue at the next meeting.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. George Bradley, Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. J. Murray.

REV. RAFTER INJURED

The Reverend George S. Rafter, rector of the Episcopal Missions at Reseda, Van Nuys and Tujunga, was severely injured in an automobile accident last Friday at the intersection of Radford avenue and San Fernando road. After receiving emergency treatment, he was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital on Shatto and Lucas in Los Angeles. He suffered three broken ribs, a compound break of the left knee and deep lacerations about the face. Due to his general debility he was not able to have the bones set until the latter part of the week when at that time he would be administered an anesthetic.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The "birthday party" given Friday evening at the Recreational Center by members of the Tarzana Woman's club was well attended by members, husbands and friends. The guests during the dinner hour were grouped according to their birthdays, and each table was decorated with their season motifs. Birthday cakes graced each table. Most amusing to all was the reading of horoscopes.

Following the dinner a delightful skit was presented by the recent graduates of Topeka Drive school. The cast of "Wieners on Wednesday" were Evelyn Crawford, Bruce Bright MacDonald, Arline Murray, Robert Brackett, Mildred Jorgerson and Eileen Evans. Cards finished cut a most pleasant evening. Those in charge were Mrs. George Bradley, Mrs. Myrtle Tafel and Mrs. A. E. Nicely.

13 TABLES AT BRIDGE

Thirteen tables of bridge were played at the party given Tuesday evening at the Weeks Community Hall by the Guild-Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Lovely prizes which were donated were awarded to high and low score holders. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Harry Wenberg, Mrs. Harry Skinner and Mrs. J. A. Hill.

TARZANA NEWS NOTES

Nels Nelson returned to his business and home in New Westminster, British Columbia last Tuesday. He has been here with his family since November and many affairs have been given honoring him.

Mrs. J. C. Ayers attended the conference Monday of the Handicraft section of the Federated Woman's club.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Holmes of Sonora are in Los Angeles where they were called at the death of Mr. Holmes' mother last Wednesday. The funeral was held in Los Angeles on Friday. Mr. Holmes and his wife will remain here for a month or more.

The Get-Together club entertained their husbands with a dinner party held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Armstrong Wednesday evening. The dinner was served at seven o'clock at a table charmingly arranged, holding place cards for seventeen. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Boekeloo, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Mrs. Grace Fuller, Mrs. Ina Martinson, Mrs. Pauline Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. C. Isley, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frenn and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bassett.

Thursday the Tarzana Woman's club and the Reseda Woman's club held a joint meeting at the Community Hall to enjoy the program presented by the Bible section of the Tarzana Woman's club. Mrs. P. Jacobson is the chairman and Mrs. George Green is the teacher.

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Tillamook CHEESE lb 18c

Monarch Super Quality—No 2 Can Sweet CORN 2 for 23c
Armour's Veribest Moist MINCE MEAT 1 lb jar 10c
Regina Broken Sliced No. 2½ Can Pineapple 2 for 25c
Grapefruit 2 for 25c In Rich Syrup No. 2 Can
Tea Garden Liberty Bell Cane and Maple Syrup Qt Jug 29c
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WESSON OIL qt 35c

BETTER BEST Crackers & Grahams 1 lb pkg 12c

Camay SOAP 5 bars 19c
Royal Pudding and Gelatine 5c
Chase & Sanborn COFFEE lb 27c
P&G Laundry SOAP 10 bars 22c
Baker's Premium Chocolate ½ lb 19c
Standard Corned Beef 12 oz. Can 2 for 25c

Crescent MILK 3 cans 16c

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Choice Meats
Friday and Saturday
Sirloin, Rib, Swiss, Round, Ground Round Steaks 15c lb
Pork Chops lb 17c
Cudahy's, ½ lb Package Bacon 10c
100% Pure Pork Sausage lb 15c
Rump, Lean, Tender Roast lb 12½c
Choice Beef POT ROAST lb 10c
Jack Cheese, Longhorn, Oregon Special Cheese lb 17c
Seven or Round Bone Roast lb 12½c
Prime Rib Roast lb 12½c
Pork Roast lb 10-12c
PICNIC HAMS lb 10c
Bacon Squares lb 10c
Ground BEEF lb 10c
PURE LARD or COMPOUND bulk 2 lbs 15c
Pork Loin Roast lb 17c
Pork Steak lb 15c
PEANUT BUTTER lb 12c
SHOULDER LAMB lb 12½c
Leg Spring LAMB lb 20c

Mary Fuchita's Fruit & Vegetable Department

Fancy Idaho Russets POTATOES 12 lbs 25c
Oregon Pippin Apples 8 lbs 24c
Sweet Navel Oranges 4 doz 15c

FREE SWEET PEAS WITH 25c PURCHASE
PEAS San Pedro 3 lbs
Artichokes Large Green 4 for
Avocados Calavo 2 for
14c
Carrots, 2 bunches for
Radishes, 2 bunches for
Cabbage, Solid Heads, lb
Mustard Greens, Bunch
Lettuce, Northern, Head
Turnips, Bunch
Celery Hearts, Stalk
1c

More Than A Man

Something more than a man died the other day when William Paul Whitsett left our midst. An epoch perished.

Whitsett, who some 60 years ago came here because his health was so bad it was thought he could not live very long, outlasted his doctors. He lived on and on until his life spanned the entire modern stage of Valley development.

But the wing collar and the stubby bow tie which he wore with a quiet dignity were still in use while the Valley changed from the stage he had helped inaugurate. Few indeed are the youngsters and newcomers—the vast majority of the Valley's people—who know him as one of the very last of the great pioneers, the town founders.

Many of us do not even know them as street names. Yet where Whitsett crosses Weddington and Lankershim bisects Burbank, those were men and not just streets. Those were town founders.

Whitsett and the others laid out the Valley as a series of small towns, really centers for small farms, little better than farm villages. Whitsett, of course, grew with this area to head the vast water district that involves two states. But, as is customary with most of us, his name will go down in the history of the Valley as a town creator. He opened the modern town stage.

Of Van Nuys, which he opened for settlement on Washington's birthday, 1911, Whitsett was fond of using his opening day slogan: "the town that was founded right."

And now the Valley is at a new stage. It is a development beyond separate towns. It is a development which the town founders could hardly have participated in. It is the rise not merely of city but of metropolis, a Valley of more than 1,000,000 people.

The new urban giant needs the vision of younger Whitsetts, as daring in prescience as he, only on a new and higher level of urbanism. Whitsett founded a town. We have to found a new entity, as yet so incredibly complex that it is hidden behind ancient Greek names such as metropolis and its un-pretty brethren like megalopolis. We are groping for this new urban level without a name. Whitsett studied towns. He went to Germany and observed the small farm, the one-acre of land idea. Others offered this for the Valley as well.

But we moved beyond this in life, in size, in urbanization. Whitsett did too. Now we have to probe the experience of areas possibly more advanced than we, as he did Germany and other lands after World War I. We need the best of minds to produce a view of where the Valley is going, what kind of community it can be, how unification around the key problems (that so unite and divide men) can be achieved to make some new all-Valley concept possible.

The younger Whitsetts, wherever you are, your work is cut out for you. You can do no better than to take as a model William Paul Whitsett.

'WANNA TALK THIS OVER IN A CIVILIZED WAY?'

Mary McGrory

Washington

While Richard M. Nixon is trying to stage a comeback on the national scene, his former campaign manager, Robert H. Finch, plans to seek public office in California.

FINCH, who was considered the best brain in the Nixon political operation in 1960, has told friends he will announce his candidacy for lieutenant governor next month. He is in Sacramento, the state capital, this week, informing legislators of his availability.

Although Finch is closely identified with the former vice president, his latest manifestation was as campaign manager for George Murphy, the former actor who pulled off one of the few G.O.P. victories last November. Murphy was a surprise winner against former White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, a Senate incumbent.

IT WAS FINCH'S feat to pull together the many warring factions of the Republican party in California. The Rockefeller-Goldwater presidential primary in the state had left the party a shambles.

Finch is 39 years old, intelligent, personable and, in the words of one associate, "everybody's friend." He has been hankering to run for office for several years, but felt it was impossible to run again while Nixon remained in California. In 1963 Nixon moved to New York.

ALTHOUGH it is somewhat unusual for a candidate for lieutenant governor to announce before the gubernatorial candidates have declared, Finch says he would like to get into the picture early before all the money and support is dissipated.

Potential G.O.P. candidates for the governorship have been silent because of uncertainty about the intentions of Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, the biggest Republican vote-getter in the state. Kuchel comes out way ahead in polls against incumbent Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, but has not indicated any desire to go home and do battle with California's clamorous right wing, which has given him great trouble.

AT LEAST three Republicans are fretting in their stalls, eager to make the race against Brown. George Christopher, former mayor of San Francisco, actor Ronald Reagan, a former Democrat, and former Gov. Goodwin Knight have all hinted strongly they would gladly run.

No one else so far seems interested in the lieutenant governorship. Observers say Finch's chances would be best with Christopher, a Northern California liberal, because a north-south balance is considered a must.

United Feature Syndicate

David Lawrence

Washington

"Discrimination" is being widely condemned nowadays. Yet the federal government itself engages in a certain type of discrimination when it insists on knowing the number of Negroes employed by contractors doing government work but does not ask for information which might reveal whether any other form of racial or religious discrimination in employment is being practiced.

WHEN A contractor, for example, performs street improvement work which is subsidized by the federal government, it is necessary for the contractor to submit a weekly payroll form which not only itemizes the total number of his employes separated into categories of the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled, but also has a special column to show how many of the total in each group are Negroes.

An executive order issued on March 6, 1961, and subsequently amended by the Democratic administration here, requires the contractor to agree that he "will not discriminate against any employe or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin."

THE FEDERAL government does not, however, require any report on how many Catholics, Protestants or Jewish persons are employed, nor does it ask the "national origin" of employes—that is whether they are Italians, Greeks, English, French, Mexicans, Africans or Asians.

The purpose of the governmental forms is to prevent discrimination, but the federal government seems to be concerned only with discrimination involving Negroes. A contractor in a western state—whose personnel changes from time to time because of the nature of his work—writes to this correspondent as follows:

"YOU WILL notice that, in addition to the number of employes, the form requires that the number of Negroes employed must also be reported. This appears to us to be a most flagrantly discriminatory type of inquiry for our government to make at a time when discriminators are to be punished. Aren't American Indians, Chinese and all other races now being discriminated against by our government because these people are not included in the reporting requirement? It is difficult to believe that thinking Negroes would want to be singled out in this way as the only people named on a government questionnaire.

"WE ARE A small organization and we have employed Negro men in past years who have done excellent work and were a credit to our firm. But when several of these payroll forms were submitted last summer we did not happen to have any Negro employes to report. By our answer to this inquiry in the negative, we naturally are concerned about its effect on government personnel and how it will in turn affect our relationship with the government in the future."

It is surprising to see the federal government requiring contractors to classify their employes by race when they seek government contracts. Incidentally, if a contractor decides that, in order to make sure he will get a government contract, he must have more employes of a certain race or group and limits his hiring to that group, or dismisses some of his present employes to make room for them, there is no way to fix legal responsibility on those officials in the federal government who have indirectly caused such a discrimination to take place.

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To The Point

It was war that destroyed the city states of Greece and war that might destroy our own modern society.

Lester Pearson
Prime Minister of Canada

Victor Riesel

Merritt Island-Cape Kennedy

Here they no longer talk merely of landing two astronauts on the moon. They talk of post-Apollo activity.

They speak of lunar explorations; of lunar engineering systems; of habitable quarters which can maintain at least three men on or beneath the moon surface for years; of explorations running from 1970 to 1973.

ALL THIS will require vast machinery — which must be hauled there at the cost of a million dollars for each two hundred pounds of life-supporting equipment and scientific mechanisms.

They talk of LEM trucks rocketing through space — Lunar Excursion Modules sky-hauling cargo to soft landings.

And as they talk of extraterrestial travel, they predict vast new industries on earth, making jobs and prosperity for millions of men and women.

THE FUTURE space-feeder industries will dwarf what eventually will be a $40 billion Apollo project and the NASA complex which, in 1964 alone, involved 380,000 workers and scientists and 250,000 separate procurement transactions.

This was all summed up recently by Brigadier Gen. E. E. Wilhoyt when he discussed lunar engineering capability:

"Construction of a manned base on the moon to facilitate lunar exploration is primarily an engineering problem which involves design and development of highly sophisticated structures and systems presently outside the state of the art."

TO BUILD lunar bases and develop them not only for exploration but as a jumping-off point for probing of the more distant universe will require "tools, equipment and techniquies (which) probably will not resemble anything seen in earth construction," he added.

"Lunar physical restrictions will be imposed" on the moon men unless they wear lunar suits of special material yet to be fabricated. This "cloth" or cloth-like metal will have to withstand a shift in temperature from a maximum surface temperature of above 212 degrees F during the day to minus 270 degrees F at night.

This is a range of almost 500 degrees in 24 hours.

The cloth and helmet also will have to withstand deadly radiation and constant bombardment of meteorites.

The living quarters will have to be built of metal sufficiently powerful to withstand all this and stay habitable for several years.

THE INTENSE heat and abysmal cold will require new fuels, lubrications and heavy duty bearings. Construction will necessitate structural systems more precisely welded together than any thing on earth.

Lunar base materials and systems needed for simple living and reconnaissance must have special lightness and utter infallibility. While the tasks on the moon will be similar to those on earth, the tools and equipment will not resemble anything seen in earth construction.

Thus the tooling centers of the nation's traditional industrial areas will soon be designing new equipment for outer space which will have application here on earth. That's where the new jobs will spring from.

NEW TECHNIQUES, manufacture of new products, new metals, new "cloths," new impenetrable "glass," new unbreakable plastics and miniature nuclear power plants will require newly trained workmen.

Some of this training has been under way for some time in what the laymen might call the plumbing field. But it is as different from plumbing as the ancient Roman baths are from ultra-modern, telephone - equipped bathrooms of today.

Such instruction is provided by the International Training Fund (ITF)—a joint venture of the National Constructors Assn. and the AFL-CIO plumbers and pipe-fitting international union.

THE ITF is dedicated to assisting "the U.S. and Canada in preserving their positions as the foremost industrial nations of the world by providing highly skilled mechanics capable of constructing and maintaining the most complex atomic space, missile, power and petro-chemical facilities as well as the day-to-day home, office, hospital and school building projects."

The ITF trains men to fit pipes to tolerances of less than one-ten thousandth of an inch and be able to conduct steam from atomic furnaces at temperatures so high that the alloy pipe, costing as much as $1,100 a foot must be cooled from the outside to prevent melting.

TODAY THE ITF has 422 training programs in 49 states, the District of Columbia and four Canadian provinces.

"The ITF represents a private, voluntary training effort by an international union and its fair employers to provide continuous training in the skills of our craft," international union President Peter Schoemann said recently.

With such cooperations, no force in the heavens and on earth can beat the U.S.

The Hall Syndicate

Art Buchwald

Washington

It was reported in all the newspapers that the mayor of Bull Whip, Alabama, was involved in a flim-flam confidence game in Washington, D.C.

THERE HAVE been so many versions of what happened that I immediately tried to separate the wheat from the grits. This much is certain. The mayor and a friend of his were in Washington, D.C., to appear on a television show called "Closed Mind." After the show, around one in the morning, they went out into the street, for we know not what, met a friendly Negro, who, when he discovered that the mayor was from Bull Whip, offered to show him the town. In the course of the tour the mayor lost $112, or five dollars more than the mayor of Selma, who, by coincidence, happened to be out on the town the same evening. It has been established that the mayor of Selma and the mayor of Bull Whip never met during the entire evening.

I CALLED the mayor of Bull Whip for his version. "It's a pack of northern press lies," he said at once.

"What is, mayor?"

"Whatever you're going to write."

"Well, sir, I'd be most interested in hearing your version."

"Wal, this is what happened, and may Col. Al Lingo strike me down if I'm lying.

"We finished this here television show about midnight and my friend says to me, 'Let's go out and get us a ham and cheese sandwich for some excitement.'

"I SAYS, 'Fine.' I never been to Washington before, and I always wanted to try a ham and cheese sandwich.

"And there standing on this corner is this nigra. He looks just like my bootblack back home, so I feel I can trust him, and I says, 'Boy, you know where we can get us a luscious ham and cheese sandwich, something like we couldn't get in Bull Whip?'

"And this darky grins and says, 'Sure, boss, I can fix you up with a ham and cheese sandwich. I got me a friend that makes 'em real good.'

"The nigra takes us to a strange part of Washington and says, 'You better put your money into this here envelope because you never know what's going to happen in these after-hours restaurants. So we put the money in an envelope and he disappears. When he don't come back, my friend and I get suspicious and we open the envelope and our $112 is gone.

"It suddenly dawned on us that we're victims of another Yankee crime wave.

"SO MY friend and I go back to the hotel and we decide everything George Wallace says about Washington, D.C., is true. You give nigras the vote and the next thing you know they're lying and cheating and stealing your money."

"There's only one other question I'd like to ask you, mayor," I said. "Why didn't you report the incident to the police?"

"Very simple. Who would believe that two men from Bull Whip, Alabama, were out at one o'clock in the morning looking for a ham and Swiss cheese sandwich?"

Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Royce Brier

One hundred years ago the United States was not much admired in Europe. A minority of Europeans liked us, comprising convinced republicans and those emotionally involved in the slavery question.

During the century the prevailing antipathy was little changed, excepting briefly twice, when we came to the aid of those Europeans threatened by German ambition. But this was in some part counteracted by a widespread European fear of the American civilization. It was considered materialistic and overbearing and not very bright as regards European cultural and historical values. A big factor in this attitude was the ubiquity of the American economic power.

ALL THIS was quite natural, and indeed inevitable in peoples whose social and political roots go back a thousand years, while American predominance has appeared only in this century.

In the last century the Americans, preoccupied at home, gave small heed to the European attitude. If they were aware of it, they did not understand it and made little effort to examine its causes.

But lately we have entered a crisis in what may be called the attitude-conflict of Americans and Europeans, and if we would be a mature people we will try to understand what is happening, and why, and undertake at least to alleviate it.

WE WILL NOT achieve this by scolding Europe from a presumed superior moral position, nor by scolding her presumed spokesmen, such as President de Gaulle.

The allusion is to a reproof visited on M. de Gaulle the other day by Undersecretary of State Ball in a speech manifestly reflecting the administration view. Mr. Ball said France is undermining our position in the Viet Nam war by maneuvering for a negotiated peace.

WE HAVE of course other bones to pick with M. de Gaulle, which Mr. Ball mentioned in studied generalities. These include de Gaulle's aversion to the American military presence on the continent and his antagonism toward the Atlantic alliance.

We cannot be expected to like this distrust of our judgment in European and world affairs, but we would be in a better position if we bore some of it in comparative silence, permitting events to be our judge.

Chronicle Features

H. L. Hunt

A pickpocket is not a moral man by any definition. And in this connotation, the philosophy of perennial government deficits can only be described as "immoral."

The continuation of perpetual public deficits is picking the pockets of every thrifty private citizen in our nation. With particular immorality, the pickpocket philosophy bears heaviest upon our senior citizens who, in turn, are targets of increasing federal assistance on an ever faster-whirling merry-go-round.

However, it is not only the elderly that the pickpocket philosophy robs. Annually, it impairs the value of every life insurance policy and every savings account owned by each of us as the purchasing power of our "saved" dollars steadily diminishes.

Is there anything you and I can do to correct the pickpocket philosophy of government spending? We can make our opinions known not just to friends and relatives but to the news media.

Our elected and appointed officials keep their ears to the ground and sniff the air to get the messages. We must urge "never-ceasing" reduction of expenditures and curtailment of big central government. We can speak out constantly for thrift in government. We can strive for improved efficiency and common sense, and until we are willing to do at least this much, we must accept the fact that our silence is consent.

Nearly everyone, if he can get started, is willing to do his part, but simply by doing nothing, we accept a share of the blame for the immorality of constant deficit spending.

Burbank Woman Lawyer Named To Municipal Court

East Valley Bureau

Burbank attorney Mrs. Mary Goode Rogan today was appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Mrs. Rogan, a partner in the law firm of Rogan and Radding, Burbank, was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the March 1 appointment of Judge Edward C. Olson to the Superior Court.

SHE IS the first woman to serve on the Burbank bench, but being a feminine pioneer is nothing new to her. She was the first woman elected to the executive committee of the Yale Law School Assn. and currently is serving as the first woman president of the Burbank Bar Assn.

Mrs. Rogan, mother of six children, is the wife of Richard R. Rogan, former chief deputy attorney general of California, another member of the Burbank law firm.

Commenting on his wife's appointment, Rogan said he was "delighted" the governor chose to make the appointment.

"She is outstandingly qualified and will do a good job," he said, although he added it would be difficult to replace her as a law partner. They have worked together since 1949, seven years after their marriage.

Mrs. Rogan said she was "honored in the confidence the governor has shown" in her.

"IT WILL be a challenging assignment. I hope I'll be a worthy successor to Judge Olson. I will try to carry on the tradition of excellent judicial administration this court has exemplified. I'll do my best to be a fair judge," she said.

In making the appointment, Brown said, "As a legal scholar, as a practicing attorney and as an individual intensely interested in her community, Mrs. Rogan has demonstrated that she will be an able and effective judge and bring honor to the bench."

BENCHED — Burbank attorney Mrs. Mary Goode Rogan today was appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Gov. Edmund G. Brown. — Staff photo by Gordon Dean.

No date has been set for Mrs. Rogan to assume her new duties.

Mrs. Rogan of 919 E. Grinnell Drive, Burbank, is a member of the Connecticut and California bars, and has practiced in California since 1947. She was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1954.

She was graduated magna cum laude from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn., and received her law degree from Yale Law School where she was a member of the editorial staff of the Yale Law Journal.

THE NEWLY appointed judge was an attorney in the office of the general counsel, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., for five years and was associated with a New Haven law firm before coming to California.

In addition to the Burbank bar, she is a member of the San Fernando Valley and American Bar associations.

Her community affiliations include the Burbank chapter American Assn. of University Women, the National Charity League, Community Concert Assn., Community Visiting Nurse Assn., Burbank Lawyers Reference and Legal Aid, patroness member of La Providencia Guild, Burbank Women's Symphony Assn. and Catholic Daughters of America.

She also is a member of the Cabrini Literary Guild, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, Los Angeles County Museum Associates, the President's Council of Chaminade Preparatory School and Court St. Anthony.

Max Rafferty Blames Profs For Disorder

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, says faculty members are to blame for student demonstrations at the University of California at Berkeley.

Speaking yesterday at the 50th annual convention of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators in Los Angeles, Rafferty said:

"Too many Berkeley professors openly or tacitly endorse disorderly, or even criminal, conduct on the part of their students."

SOME professors, he said, use "delaying tactics," through faculty committees to slow down administrative attempts to discipline students.

Of professors' indirect influence, Rafferty said:

"Many of the regents have toiled long and painfully for many years to build Cal up to number one and they are appalled at the prospect that several of their more prestigious Nobel Prize winning profs may resign out of sympathy for the poor downtrodden filthy speech boys, deprived of their right to bellow obscenities over the campus public address system.

"Are the people of California going to continue to direct policy at the University which they spend hundreds of millions to subsidize and support, or are we going to turn the institution over to the inmate?" he asked.

Rafferfty outlined this four-point program for dealing with discipline:

- "Put all discipline in the hands of the chancellor rather than using faculty committees.
- "Instruct the chancellor to do whatever is necessary to restore an atmosphere of scholarly learning.
- "If the chancellor won't or can't do it, fire him and get a chancellor who can and will.
- "If there are any students or professors who don't like it, remind them there are lots of other colleges they can attend throughout the country."

Staff photo by Peter Banks

JEWELS RETURNED — Italian actress Gina Lollobrigida leaves Hollywood for Switzerland today — but poorer by $14,200. Her jewels were attached briefly by state tax agents last week for back taxes in 1959 when she made a movie here. She transferred funds from a Swiss bank yesterday to pay the state to get her jewels back.

Valley Group Stalls Tax On Automobiles

By IRV BURLEIGH
West Valley Bureau

West Valley Associated Chambers of Commerce last night rejected a transportation committee report favoring a tax on automobiles to finance a metropolitan transit system.

The general mood of the delegates meeting at the Red Robin Restaurant in Canoga Park was one of rebellion against ever mounting taxes.

One delegate told the 60 persons present that the way things are going there'll soon be a move back to one car families.

Sam Ball of Reseda commented on the recent one-cent a gallon state gasoline tax increase. It is supposed to be a temporary increase through the end of this year with the funds earmarked for repair of Northern California roads destroyed by last year's floods.

"BUT WHAT temporary tax have we ever had that stayed temporary?" asked Ball.

The delegates approved four of the five parts of the transportation committee report, but committee Chairman Clarence Violette said disappointedly, "That is meaningless without the tax for financing."

By its action the delegates put themselves on record in opposition to the half of 1 per cent in lieu auto tax that the Rapid Transit Authority is seeking permission from the legislature to levy. It would cost the average motorist about $4 per year.

"This one-time levy," say transit officials, would finance engineering studies for construction of four major rapid transit lines, one of them in the Valley, and "increase existing bus service immediately."

The transit authorities are also asking the legislature for a ballot measure that, if approved by the voters, would levy a 1 per cent in lieu auto tax later for support of $850 million rapid transit bonds for actual construction.

DELEGATES did give strong support to that part of Violette's report recommending "that every effort be made to utilize existing railroad lines for rapid transit—at least temporarily."

"Southern Pacific has said it is willing to lease its right-of-way for rapid transit if it doesn't conflict with its present services."

Erma Alcorn Honored As Woman Of Year

By MAYERENE BARKER
Staff Writer

Mrs. Erma L. Alcorn, who was born on a farm on Magnolia Boulevard in what was then the town of Toluca, was honored as Burbank's 1964 Woman of the Year last night at a banquet at the Five Horsemen Inn in Burbank.

The banquet, the 16th annual awards event sponsored by the Women's Council of Burbank, was attended by governmental officials and members and guests of the 49 organizations which comprise the women's council.

LOS ANGELES County Supervisor Warren M. Dorn and State Assemblyman Newton R. Russell (R-Tujunga) each presented Mrs. Alcorn with framed congratulatory scrolls. A special gold jeweled pin, a symbol of woman's place in the community, was given to Mrs. Alcorn by Mrs. Glen W. Seltzer, 1963 Woman of the Year.

Burbank Mayor Dallas M. Williams was guest speaker. Four other prominent women in the community also received awards for having contributed the most service in their areas. They are Marguerite S. Fanning, Burbank's postmaster, for civic achievements; Mrs. Eugene Elwood, social welfare; Mrs. Robert J. Haaker, religious advancement, and Mrs. H. E. Van Note, cultural advancement.

Mrs. Erma L. Alcorn

A retired school teacher, Mrs. Alcorn taught underprivileged and retarded children in the Burbank area for more than 22 years.

"I've lived in this area all my life," she said. "My parents were pioneers here. I went to Burbank High School and then on to teachers college. The one I went to doesn't even exist any more."

Valley Housewives Sisters To Nagoya

City Staff Bureau

Some 50 women, most of them San Fernando Valley housewives, yesterday added their names to the membership of the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation.

The women joined the affiliation as members of International Orphans, Inc., which has helped support more than 300 Japanese-American children in three Tokyo area homes.

Heading the group are its founders, Sara Buckner Hopkins and Yvonne Lime Schmidt, who became interested in the fate of such orphans several years ago while touring Far East military bases as a comedy team.

Both live in Van Nuys but have remained active in raising funds for the abandoned children.

The sister city group is made up of citizen volunteers who, under Mayor Samuel Yorty, help coordinate cultural and other activities linking Los Angeles with the Japanese city.

THE affiliation is raising funds to send two or more Los Angeles area high school students to Nagoya during summer vacation.

Each summer a group of students from Nagoya also visits Los Angeles.

San Fernando Lacks Theme In Rebuilding

North Valley Bureau

San Fernando city councilmen failed to adopt a general architectural redevelopment theme last night and put off for another week a zone change request on Griswold Street.

The San Fernando Redevelopment Agency, which is composed entirely of the city's five councilmen, last week adopted a general theme for the rehabilitation of the Mission City's central business district.

HOWEVER, the City Council deferred action on the motif, favoring a suggestion by Councilman Ralph A. Harper that city officials meet with two developers who are ready to proceed with the remodeling of their buildings.

The city will attempt to determine what type of a theme the developers would be willing to incorporate in the work.

The Redevelopment Agency approved a motif calling for heavy masonry columns forming an arcade extending out to the curb, with redwood beams.

However, Councilman Evlin Schmidt said he examined a similiar structure at the San Fernando Mission last week and couldn't see where it would improve the appearance of the downtown section.

City Administrative officer Richard Brown asked the council for some sort of guideline for city department heads to work with when confronted with plans for remodeling in the downtown area.

HARPER and Mayor Paul E. Macey will make a final effort to persuade property owners along Griswold Street to dedicate property for future Jessie Street before considering a long delayed zone change request for an apartment house at 444 Griswold St.

Pet Hospital Zoning Issue Again Delayed

East Valley Bureau

Another chapter in the tale of the Burbank veterinarian and his battle to build a small animal hospital in a non-conforming area ended last night with further postponement.

Dr. Martin Small is seeking approval of the city to build a new small animal hospital in the 2700 block of West Olive Avenue. The City Council, petitioned by Small and his attorney, Eugene Radding, to grant a variance for the hospital, asked the Planning Board to consider whether enclosed, air conditioned, soundproofed animal hospitals might not be acceptable under commercial use.

The Burbank Planning Board refused to recommend to the City Council that small animal hospitals be included in approved uses of C3 commercial areas. Board members did agree that the hospital might be acceptable in the area proposed under a conditional use permit.

However, there is currently no provision for a conditional use permit in the Burbank city charter, so until such a provision is made (it currently is under consideration) the board said it could take no action.

In other action the board:

- Postponed discussion of the possibility of changing off-street parking requirements for apartments until the full board is present May 10. Considerable opposition from apartment house builders is expected to the recommendation by the planning department which calls for increased parking spaces for each apartment unit.
- Recommended that the City Council prohibit construction of convalescent homes and trailer parks in manufacturing and industrial zones.
- Denied a request by the Rev. William C. O'Connor, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Rectory, that the name of Keswick Street be changed to Scott Road as it is an extension of Scott and the name change would prevent confusion.

U.S. Arms Used In Border Clash

New Delhi, India, April 13 (Reuters)

Home Minister Gulzarilal Nanda said yesterday he had some evidence U.S. arms were used in a border clash between India and Pakistan in the Kutch area some 180 miles from Ahmedabab.

Nanda, speaking in the lower house of Parliament, said India had protested strongly to Pakistan against "unprovoked aggression" on Indian territory on the India-West Pakistan border.

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Injured Boy, 4, Dies; Stepmother Accused

A 4-year-old North Hollywood boy whose stepmother is awaiting arraignment on a child beating charge died in a Panorama City hospital yesterday of brain injuries.

James Raymond McNeil succumbed at Kaiser Hospital where he was taken in critical condition last Thursday with multiple bruises and brain injuries.

Mrs. Sandra McNeil, 19, of 6629½ Farmdale Ave., North Hollywood, was booked Friday on suspicion of child beating. She is free on $3,300 bond returnable at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in Van Nuys Municipal Court.

The woman denied beating the boy and said she rushed him to the hospital after finding him in convulsions.

Mrs. McNeil said she had picked up the boy several times previously and found him bruised.

The woman's husband, James Walter McNeil, shares custody of the boy with McNeil's former wife, Caroline, 217 N. Avenue 54, Los Angeles.

Van Nuys Detective Sgts. Norman Allen and Robert Smith said further action against the woman would be governed by a coroner's inquest.

IN BURBANK

Soon at Victory and Hollywood Way

$10,000.00 REWARD

For information resulting in the recovery of jewelry stolen March 27, 1965, in the armed robbery of Laykin et Cie at I. Magnin & Co., 3240 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

If information results in partial recovery, a proportionate percentage of the reward will be paid by Laykin et Cie who shall be the sole judge thereof. Reward offer expires June 1, 1965.

Address all responses to P.O. Box 19492, 4355 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90019

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Section B

LARGEST EVENING CIRCULATION IN THE WEST'S LARGEST CITY

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Increasing Courtesy

L. A. Freeway Drivers Lauded for Ability

Southern California motorists—who have been called "maniacs" and "race-drivers" and much, much worse, today won a surprising pat on the back for their "skill and courtesy."

The accolade came from Edward T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer who made a freeways report on local District 7. He prefaced his comments by pointing out that in 1954 there were 168,000 daily motorists on the Hollywood Freeway alone and this was considered at that time to be far in excess of the design capacity.

"Last year this figure shot up to 185,000 motorists daily, thereby creating a wonder," he commented.

"Even of greater importance is the growing conviction that motorists, as a class, are now much less selfish and much more courteous than formerly.

VALLEY PIONEER W. P. WHITSETT
He Points to Picture of Present-day Van Nuys And Spot Where He First Located in What Was Open Country

FIRST NORTH HOLLYWOOD CONSTABLE
Fred Weddington, N. H. Pioneer, Shows First Postoffice on Mural. This Was in 1893.

WEDDINGTON BROTHERS GENERAL STORE
Half a Century Ago It Served The South Half of San Fernando Valley. Customers Came From As Far As Miles Away

San Fernando THE STORY OF THE Valley

Weddington and Whitsett Led Way

"I'm going to make the San Fernando Valley my home," went the words of a popular song of a few seasons ago. Hundreds of thousands of persons have proceeded to do so since. This concluding article in a series on Valley history sketches the growth of that magnificent area during the past half century and tells of the contributions of two of its leading citizens, "Elder Statesmen" Fred Weddington and William Paul Whitsett.

By DICK WALTON

Gone are the days when sheep-shearing, jackrabbit slaughters and antelope hunts at Lake Elizabeth were the consuming recreational pursuits of residents of San Fernando Valley.

Drive-in theaters have taken their place.

Gone also are the days when anyone paid much heed to the legend of the ghost of Salvador, a half-breed who supposedly buried the treasure of El Molino Viejo in Cahuenga Pass to keep it out of the clutches of bandits lurking nearby.

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Salvador's ghost, according to the legend, stands vigil over the treasure to this day.

You are cautioned, however, not to regard this as a signal to grab up a pick and shovel and commence hacking away at the hillside in the pass.

Not only might the City Council object, but the bulldozer boys who gouged out the path for the Hollywood Freeway there testify that they didn't find even a corroded doubloon.

112 New Families Move in Daily

The problems confronting today's residents of the Valley are too real, too staggering to leave much time to worry about ghosts, Salvador's or anybody else's.

Another family will move into the Valley in the time it takes you to browse through this edition of the Herald-Express.

By this same hour tomorrow, a total of 112 new residents will have settled there.

This same day of 1958 will see the population of this fabled area greater by some 41,000.

This is the constant pace at which the Valley has grown since 1940!

If the Valley were a city in itself, its population of approximately 700,000 would make it the 12th largest city in the United States, outranking such metropolises as Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Houston, Buffalo and New Orleans and moving up fast on San Francisco.

Its elementary school enrollment is exceeded by only five cities in the nation, evidence of the fact that the Valley is populated largely by younger families.

One billion dollars has been funneled into building there in the past decade!

Many Problems To Be Solved

You need only to listen to the 21 candidates contesting for the Los Angeles city council seats from the Valley's First, Third and Seventh Districts to appreciate the enormity of the multiplicity of problems with which Valley residents must come to grips.

Planning, streets and freeways, public transportation, schools, flood control channels, sewage facilities—all these are major headaches crying for relief. For instance, only 4½ miles of a contemplated 102½ miles of Valley freeways have been completed!

Every one of these Valley problems stems from a single source:

PEOPLE.

These Valley folks are a militant people, possessed of a sort of nationalistic fervor, jealously protective of their community, prepared of an instant's notice to storm the legislative halls for what they think is right for the Valley.

They don't go around looking for fights, but neither do they duck any.

Some, with a concerned eye on the vanishing vestiges of the Valley's romantic history, are presently campaigning for the location of a scenic park in Cahuenga Pass, lest developers deface the hills there with structural transgressions.

Elder Statesmen Agape at Growth

Two men whose handiwork in the growth of the Valley has been manifest for the past half century still are agape at the fantastic fairyland which they have helped mold.

One is Fred Weddington, 77, of North Hollywood; the other is William Paul Whitsett, 81, of Van Nuys.

These two men, perhaps more than any others, merit the titles of "elder statesmen" of the Valley. They've been in the front lines in the development there for most of their lives, and they have much to reflect on as they glance back over their shoulders at the past 50 years.

Both were encouraged in their early ventures by the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, which had invested $2,500,000 in the purchase of land and meant to capitalize on it.

It was in 1890 that the Weddington family—papa Wilson, mama Mary and

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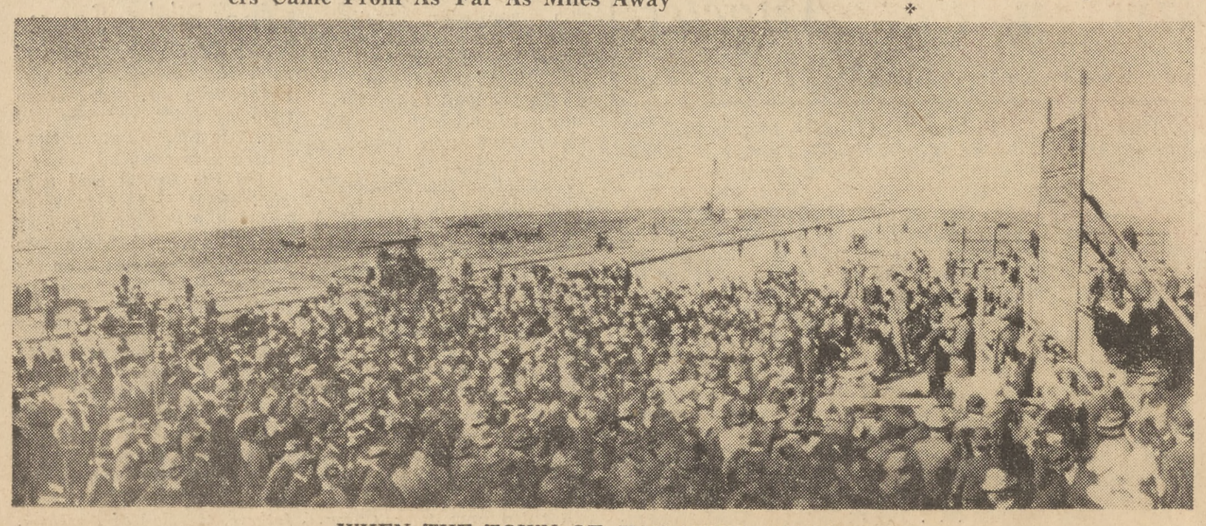

WHEN THE TOWN OF VAN NUYS STARTED
A Crowd Waits The Opening Gun on Washington's Birthday, 1911, As a Great Tract Is Offered to The Eager Public

20,000 Open Drive of Red Cross in L. A. Area

MAYOR PROCLAIMS RED CROSS MONTH
Mayor Norris Poulson Presents Proclamation Naming March Red Cross ssMosnsths to Mrs. Carleton Coveny

An army of 20,000 volunteers today opened the Los Angeles Red Cross 1957 fund-raising campaign, with a goal of $3,100,000.

The quota will mean a $100,000 a day collection pace during March, which has officially been designated Red Cross Month in Los Angeles, in a proclamation by Mayor Norris Poulson.

John W. Luhring, overall volunteer chairman, told canvassing teams of the vital role played by the Red Cross in "300 major disaster relief operations last year, including the $8,000,000 undertaking centered at Yuba City in our own state."

Luhring also pointed out the work of the local Red Cross when fire swept through Malibu and again, less than a month later, in providing blood of all types to treat students critically injured in the jet-airliner crash over Pacoima Junior High School.

The national Red Cross drive has a total goal of $95,000,000.

18 Years in Papacy

Pope to Celebrate His 81st Birthday

VATICAN CITY, March 1 (AP)—Pope Pius XII will be 81 years old tomorrow. The day also marks the 18th anniversary of his election to the Papacy.

Gold and white papal banners will fly from Vatican buildings. Otherwise, no particular celebration is planned.

The main observance of the papal holidays comes March 12, anniversary of his coronation.

The ceremony will be held in the Basilica—the world's biggest church.

Fifty thousand or more will attend the coronation service—a Papal a Cappella—and it is expected to equal that of a year ago which marked the Pontiff's 80th birthday and his recovery from illnesses that at one time caused grave concern for his life.

Many persons received in audiences have commented upon the pope's healthy appearance.

Ailing Daughter Starts Hunt for Father in L. A.

A fervent plea for help in locating Richard Clyde Fernstrom, 60, was made today to the Evening Herald-Express by his daughter, Lady Grace Fernstrom Shaw, who has not seen him for 23 years.

Mrs. Shaw, of 604 Cedar street, Dresden, Tenn., said her brother is suffering from an incurable disease. The brother, Edward, has not seen his father since he was 5 years old.

The daughter also is ailing and faces an operation. She added: "I love my father very much and I just can't give up looking for him."

She describes him as about 5 feet 11 inches tall, wearing glasses. He used to be overweight and had dark hair, she added. When she last heard from him he was in the dry cleaning business.

From Sex-and-Sand to Gable

Yvonne De Carlo Changes

By BOB THOMAS

It's a big jump from queen of the sex-and-sand epics to Clark Gable's co-star, but Yvonne De Carlo has made it.

The Vancouver (B. C.) vamp is now playing opposite the King in "Band of Angels." A year ago, folks would have said it couldn't happen. But that was a year ago.

Yvonne herself realizes the change in her career. She has always been realistic and down-to-earth. When we lunched, she shunned the Warners Green Room where actors generally eat in stuffy seclusion. She chose a joint across the street where she could play the juke box and relax.

"It has been a combination of circumstances," she explained over the noise of pop records and a bowling machine. "For one thing, there was 'The 10 Commandments.' And at the same time, I changed agents."

Her new agent was also Gable's and he was seeking a co-star for "Band of Angels."

But a berth with Gable would not have been possible except for the DeMille epic. Yvonne was cast as the wife of Moses and surprised everyone. Yvonne's calm, workmanlike job stood out brilliantly.

She said:

"Previously, I loved to travel, and when somebody said there was a picture I could do in Timbuktu, I'd start packing my bag."

Eventually she settled down, married stunt man Bob Morgan and had a baby son, Bruce.

"Now, when I'm able to, I like to have a couple of months before a picture starts to study the script," she remarked. "I work with a coach and I try to figure out how the character will react. Then when I get into the role, I know where I'm going."

Yvonne's batting around the world provided one excellent result for her career: She's one of the best known stars internationally. Because of the increasing importance of the foreign market, her career should continue booming.

'DEVILISH' YVONNE PLAYS ANGEL
Yvonne De Carlo Has Role Opposite Clark Gable After Part in "The Ten Commandments"

Bill Kennedy

MR. L. A.

Over the Transom

DINING OUT on the Sunset Strip the other night, Red Skelton ordered a rare steak. When the waiter brought it he asked if it was rare enough. "Rare?" chortled Red taking the first bite. "It's practically a collector's item!" . . . The Clarion Club, which took over the H'wood Athletic Club and renamed it, wound up a loser. It'll be reopened today as the H.A.C. again, with Bill Shapiro handling the reins again . . . Patsy D'Amore, the Villa Capri owner, whose name has been popping up in the famous "wrong door" raid investigation, was paged by the producers of "The Barney Ross Story" to play a restaurateur in the film. But he thumbed it down. . . . Guido Orlando, the little ball of fire who was once a press agent for everybody from Clark Gable to King Farouk, breaks into the March issue of Male magazine with a piece titled "I Dumped The Suez Into Nasser's Lap." The inside story of the swipe of the Big Ditch. . . . New actress in town trying to crash the movies calls herself Fortune Kookie. Honey, take an old man's advice and go back to the bakery. There's more dough in it.

EH, WHAT'S THAT? This one sort of creeps up on you. The other day out at Internat'l Airport came a repeated announcement over the loud speaker system: "Will the person who left his hearing aid on the plane please report to the ticket counter?"

ANGELENO ALBUM—Doodles Weaver has just signed with Liberty Records to do a recording of his zany novelty "The Wrestling Match." Incidentally, Doodles, playing golf for the first time in 10 years amazed everybody by winning a pro-am tourney at Joe Kirkwood's course last week . . . Consternation at the Kowloon Restaurant. A beautiful garden setting, complete with a two-foot waterfall emptying into a small lake, has been built just outside of a large picture window. But some wag put a sign post in the tiny lake which warns: "No Swimming Allowed!" . . . Mel Richards president of Yucca Mining and Petroleum Co., should never have any trouble getting all his 250 stockholders to convene again. At the annual meeting he gave each one a souvenir gift—a chunk of precious uranium ore . . . A sign hanging inside the kitchen at the Belle Vue for the attention of the waitresses: "Warning—Our steaks are so tender you have to speak softly or you hurt their feelings!"

BEFORE I FORGET—The manager of Tiny Naylor's dinery on Wilshire is about ready to flip his lid. For many months the big billboard across the street featured an ad for pills to relieve indigestion and overeating. Then it was replaced by a cemetery ad. Now just the other day by a new billboard—advertising Slenderella! . . . Overheard, wife to husband: "I scratched the front fender a little. If you want to look at it, it's in the back seat." . . . One of the Valley real estate firms is getting a lot of goodwill with a novel little gimmick. Whenever they sell a house, they send out a card to the owners of other homes nearby that reads: "May we introduce your new neighbor?" Then they list the new buyer's name.

SIDELIGHTEM—Frances Needham, head of the Marin Art Gallery, sent off a request to Winston Churchill for one of his paintings to hang in the gallery, reports Paul Speegle . . . The reply was a printed card from Winnie's private secretary: "The Right Honorable Winston Churchill, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P. House of Commons, wishes to thank you for your letter and wishes to express his regret, that, owing to the large number of similar requests he receives, it is not possible to do as you ask." In other words—NO!

EXIT LINE—Tired Tierney, the office boy, bought one of those new cars with the tailfins that have all those lights on them. But he couldn't figure out what one light was for until just the other day when he rammed into the garage door. It lit up "Tilt!"

Let the American business man do his job in his own capable and creditable way, and he will provide work for labor and make markets for farmers.

William Randolph Hearst

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Indexing Our Enemies

The Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security has turned in an extraordinarily competent and interesting report on its progress in seeking out evidence of subversion. The field is broad and is, of course, not limited to Communists.

The question that the report raises in one's mind is why the United States lends itself to all sorts and diversities of effort to undermine its character and existence. The story of the Soviet spy in the United States is given a good hearing. Most Americans do not realize how large an enterprise Soviet espionage is and how competent.

It is to be assumed that all countries more or less engage in espionage and the gathering of information. If it is done competently as when the Russians stole the atom bomb, espionage can change the course of history. On the other hand, when information-gathering breaks down and the President of the United States has to get it from the news ticker that Israel, Great Britain and France have invaded Egypt, it means that espionage and intelligence have gone to pot.

The Senate committee's report lists the names of numerous spies and recites their conduct. It makes several recommendations on this subject, all of which should be enacted by Congress. The recommendations are:

"The Congress should enact legislation to suspend the running of the statute of limitations in all cases involving Communism and subversion, until the offense is known to United States law-enforcement authorities.

"The government of the United States should take steps to limit more effectively the movements and activities of Soviet and other Communist diplomatic and semi-diplomatic personnel in this country.

The Congress should by law require that any Soviet alien who has entered the United States with diplomatic or semi-diplomatic status shall disclose to the Department of State any connection he may have had at any time with the espionage service or secret police of any Soviet or Soviet-dominated nation.

"The Congress should by law make it a criminal offense for any alien to enter the United States on alias or any name other than his own true and full name."

In the matter of atomic and industrial espionage, there is a separate report which contains more fully than elsewhere the tragic stories of Harry Gold and David Greenglass who played such a decisive role in the theft of the atom bomb. But the most interesting report, from many standpoints, is that which deals with foreign money of anonymous origin.

The committee seems to overemphasize the Soviet character of this operation. Actually, money always flows to a safe and profitable market and the flow of European money to the United States has been fairly constant since colonial days. What is happening now is that anonymous money is appearing in enormous quantities. It was estimated that at the end of 1954, the last year with completed statistical data, $26,800,000,000 of foreign money was invested in the United States.

What share of that is anonymous is not given in this report, but the value of Swiss holdings of American stocks amounted to $1,500,000,000, and much of that is anonymous.

There is also evidence that German bonds that had been looted by Soviet Russia are finding their way into the United States. Unless these bonds are validated, they have no value and American purchasers can be swindled.

There is so much material in these reports that it would take several analyses to deal with all of them. What can be said now is that this committee, under Senator Eastland as chairman and Robert Morris as counsel, has done a scientific job.

Adding to Our Luster

Los Angeles has been fortunate in gaining the services of Dr. Eduard van Beinum as director of its Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. van Beinum is a true musical giant who is considered among the three or four foremost musical directors living in the world today.

Under his leadership the Philharmonic Orchestra has gained noticeable stature as a musical organization, and is attracting capacity audiences to its concerts.

Los Angeles is gaining a world-wide reputation as a cultural center, and Dr. van Beinum, in his brief association with the city, has added much to this development.

Los Angeles has contracted the services of Dr. van Beinum for only two years, and the city will do well if it obtains his musical genius for many more years to come.

Wearing Apparel Industry

The spirit of gay, sunny Southern California is carried throughout the United States and to many other points throughout the world in strikingly colorful and original bathing suits, play clothes and other wearing apparel made here.

Thus, it acts both as a messenger of good will and a means of bringing new money into this area from other sections.

Mrs. Frances Corey, a senior vice president at Macy's Department Stores and former advertising director of the May Co. in Los Angeles, declared here:

"The Los Angeles area in some respects is now the nation's second largest market and in many areas is the first.

"In the production of bathing suits, as an example, California has no peer. And it is practically the same with the marketing of casual and lounging clothes."

One of the reasons for this rapidly growing reputation is "that here corners are not cut, the clothes are of the best workmanship and design." Keep up the good work, apparel industry.

'Run for Shelter—Men!!'

Letters to Editor

A Novel Traffic Remedy

Inching along on the Santa Ana freeway (why "free"?), I had a pipedream on how to solve the traffic congestion.

Why not build above the downtown alleys some elevated runways and let trains of hitched buses commute on them?

The runways could be connected to the freeways and led down to the inner lanes. At the periphery of the city the buses could be disengaged and driven into the various suburban communities.

Eliminating the center strip of the freeways and, leaving the outer lane for trucks, dividing the two inner lanes into three, might not reduce the driving space for the normal traffic very much.

Downtown parking lots may be used as access for the elevated "Bus Train" stations.

ARNO SPITZ.

Federal Employes Column

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Los Angeles Council of Federal Employees' Unions, National Federation of Federal Employees, to express the appreciation of the organized Federal employes in the Los Angeles area for the column "U. S. Employees' Spotlight" carried by your paper each Thursday. Mr. Joseph Young, who writes this column, is known personally by me and I have always considered him as one of the most-informed columnists who cover the Federal beat for Federal employes in Washington. His column fully informs Federal employes in the Greater Los Angeles area on matters that are of great interest to them and keeps them advised as to the progress of legislation affecting their welfare and future.

L. WAYNE THOMAS,
Chairman, Los Angeles Council of Federal Employees' Unions.

Bible In Schools

Mr. Bert Eisnen, South Gate: It is not necessary that in order to study the Bible one needs to be of any particular religion. The Bible covers all Christian religions or faiths as well as the Jewish. It should be taught as history, as that is what it is for the most part. Many children know nothing about a life hereafter, a Supreme Being, as they never go inside a church or Sunday School and we will be held responsible for the young ones being deprived of this knowledge. The homes for the most part today don't seem to care whether their children get any spiritual understanding or not. Therefore, it is up to the schools to teach the Bible as history at least.

LAURA THOMAS.

30 Years Ago

I wanted to thank you for printing David Calderwood's letter pertaining to "religious teaching" in the public schools. It delighted me.

Textbooks of thirty years ago casually mentioned the words God, and Lord, from Primers through to the grades of five and up. In the fifth grade, selections of the Bible were included as examples of great literature. No particular religious faith or belief was ever injected, with the possible exception of Christmas carols. This was in the day when the philosophy of the public schools was based on the Ten Commandments. Now, however, all is changed.

JANIS C. HALL.

Bible in Public Schools

Some years ago, around 1924, the proposal to put the Bible in the public schools came before the State Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Thomas J. Lennon was opposed to the idea but the rest of the court was for it. So Lennon wrote a dissenting opinion in which he pointed out that if the Bible went into the schools then the Book of Mormon, the Koran, the Zendavesta, Hindu religious books and all other books of "revelation" should also be in the schools. One by one the eminent justices came around and the Bible did not go into the public schools.

H. S.

50 Years Ago

In the "Earlier Days in Los Angeles" column we read where some ladies endeavored to repair one of our streets because it had not been taken care of.

This was in 1907, and just an inch to the left of this item we have O. L. Tompkins saying there are still holes in our pavings (this in 1957).

If this hole is still in our street come the year 2007, something should be done about it.

D. K.

Earlier Days in Los Angeles

From Files of the Evening Herald and Express

50 Years Ago Today—March, 1907

NEWS SYNOPSIS: Annexation of the Cahuenga-Hollywood-Eagle Rock strip was defeated in Los Angeles city by a vote of 2260 to 1142. In the section which asked annexation the vote was 230 for annexation and 86 against . . . City Councilman A. J. Wallace has begun a campaign for better streets. He said: "In 1905 this city did about five miles of paving, in 1906 about five miles of paving. The city now has 34 miles of paving on its streets. It also has 32 miles of paving or orders of paving in the pigeonholes of the city engineer's office. The streets of our city are a standing disgrace. Their condition is our blame in the eyes of our eastern visitors."

Colorado roads are making strenuous efforts this year to divert travel to that state and induce all coast-bound travelers to stop over there and see what Colorado has to offer.

25 Years Ago Today—March, 1932

NEWS SYNOPSIS: Creating wild scenes of terror as he menaced the lives of 75 junior college students and others who waited to see Mayor John C. Porter, a crazed man wielding a revolver and a long-bladed knife made a desperate attempt to assassinate the mayor in his executive suite at the city hall. Lee Porter, son and secretary of Mayor Porter, aided Police Captain Ray Schofield in the capture of the man.

Strong impetus to the movement to nominate John N. Garner, speaker of the House of Representatives, for President of the United States was given by William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, who unqualifiedly endorses Mr. Garner . . . Frank Wykoff, USC's champion sprinter, equalled the old world record when he ran the 100-yard dash to win the event in the Southern California-Occidental handicap track meet at Patterson field.

These Days

Does He Mean It?

By George E. Sokolsky

I received a letter from a lawyer, Francis C. Lowthorp. Maybe the lawyer is pulling my leg. Maybe he is a humorist. He begins thus:

"I am deeply grieved to read your attack upon our distinguished guests, the foreign ambassadors, which appeared in your column of Feb. 18.

Agreement

"To me it is sad that the mere killing of an obscure and unimportant American citizen on the streets of New York City should blind a man of your intelligence to the absolute necessity of preserving the high privileges and prerogative of these servants of humanity who graciously come to our shores, at our invitations, to carry on the sublime work of the United Nations and assist in cementing the warm bonds of friendship and mutual esteem which so firmly unite us with great and good Marxists like M. Broz."

The reference to the "obscure and unimportant American citizen," is to a woman who was walking on the sidewalk with a little girl, her daughter, both attending to their own business which was to buy groceries for their family, when along came an automobile that had jumped on the sidewalk, and killed the woman.

The car was driven by the Yugoslav ambassador to the United Nations who enjoys diplomatic immunity by virtue of an agreement between the United States and the United Nations which I recently was told is not in good order. Because it is not in good order, the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security served a subpena on Dr. Ludwik Rajchman, Polish delegate to UNICEF, who is believed by the Senate Committee, on advice and information, to have been Alger Hiss's bossman in the conspiracy business.

Threw It Away

At any rate, Rajchman threw the subpena on the floor, whereupon the Senate Committee sent him a telegram giving him what for. Upon receipt of this, Rajchman got himself a seat on an airplane and sallied forth to his beloved Poland and UNICEF, which when translated into English means the United Nations Children's Fund will have to do without him.

It is interesting to note that Ludwik Rajchman made no attempt to test his diplomatic immunity. It will be of value to note that the Committee believes that the contract between the United States and the United Nations concerning diplomatic immunity is legally not sufficiently binding so that a subpena would stand up when served on a diplomat.

If the Senate Committee is on sound ground, why do not the police authorities in New York arrest the Yugoslav diplomat whose joy-ride on a sidewalk resulted in the killing of this American woman who although as Mr. Lowthorp says was "obscure and unimportant," nevertheless was entitled to use our sidewalks to go to a grocery store?

Diplomatic immunity is dangerous in a city like New York where there is little space for honest residents to say nothing of diplomats who double and triple park, sometimes in front of fire hydrants, some of them not being familiar with such devices which they do not have in their weak and backward countries.

Mr. Lowthorp writes further:

"You carp at diplomatic immunity. For shame, sir. Has it not existed in all modern times, has it not been approved and commended by the State Department and is it not therefore, ipso facto, indisputably wise and right? And it is particularly distressing that you direct your unwarranted tirade against the representative of a more or less undeveloped country which is struggling so hard to be rid of the shackles of Moscow. Would you deny the protection accorded the British ambassador to the more humble but equally worthy legatee of the Kish-ka-bob kingdoms, rug dealer and petroleum potentates? . . ."

Contrite

Forsooth, I hang my head in shame at the very thought of not taking seriously the immunities of the lace-seller's and camel driver's and date eater's kingdoms.

Nay, I should include Ali Baba and the 40 thieves. I am contrite. The next time Krishna Menon speaks for seven hours, I shall listen until exhausted. I shall go to his Jewish physician for my miltown. For be it known in Gath and wherever else anyone is interested that despite Nasser's protestations, the physician who rescued Krishna Menon from the stifling effects upon his heart of his own speech-making, is of the faith of the Israeli who are to be crushed into the sands of the desert by the descendants of Shem and Ham.

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Sketches

By BEN BURROUGHS

There's laughter when I'm close to you . . . the whole wide world seems right... your smiling eyes are magic lamps . . . that fill me with delight . . . there's tenderness beyond compare . . . in every kiss from you . . . a touch of deep enchantment... so wonderful and true... each word you say relates to me . . . fond hope in things to be... so understanding and aglow ... with deep sincerity . . . I do believe I'm truly blessed . . . to have your love to share . . . faithful I will always be . . . through gloomy days or fair . . . for close to you there's happiness . . . I hope I'm worthy of . . . the priceless treasures you bestow . . . upon me with your love.

Your Health

New Drugs

By Dr. H. N. Bundesen

More and more drugs are being developed to combat nervous tension.

One of them, Compazine, is reported to have an extremely tranquilizing activity and rapid response even in small doses.

This tranquilizer is reportedly successful in treating a wide variety of mental and emotional conditions including anxiety, agitated depression, tension, confusion, restlessness, senile agitation, even post-alcoholic states.

Small doses taken by mouth are said to be particularly effective in preventing nausea and vomiting during pregnancy.

Another drug developed originally as a treatment for pre-menstrual tension, has reportedly proven effective also in preventing acne and other skin ailments.

The drug, Pre-men's is said to relieve premenstrual tension, depression, anxiety, backache and bloating.

Moreover, studies indicate that it also prevents premenstrual exacerbation of acne and other skin ailments suffered by so many women.

A third new drug, Camoform, is an anti-amebic which reportedly is effective against intestinal amebiasis.

Amebiasis is a parasitic intestinal disease which frequently has been considered chiefly a disease of the tropics. But the high rate of the disease recently has led medical experts to agree that the illness can be found wherever suspected and sought.

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The Bible Says:

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto three.

Exodus 4:1-5

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The 1929 Home Extensions at Tujunga

Members Driving in From Hollywood Way Will Find Branch Office on the Avocado Acres . . . When Coming From Glendale Direction, Stop at Main Office in Tujunga Drug Building

The Opening May Continue All During February But Allotments Will Be Made As Selected

Saturday morning, January 26th, we make the long promised Tujunga Double Opening, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M. at the Tujunga headquarters of the Home Extension in the center of the town of Tujunga. Drive in from Hollywood, Glendale or Pasadena way over cement highways by any route you take and come rain or shine, if you like, or as soon afterwards (if it does rain). The road map herewith shows the best streets and directions to take from either direction. The City of Tujunga proper is located on a gravel or sandy cone and in very few spots can you ever find any mud.

About 21 years ago when the writer first selected his country home-site at Tujunga, the automobiles were a new institution, and there was obsolutely no pavement whatever from a point beyond the Broadway tunnel (at Civic Center). The sandy soil at Tujunga drinks in the rain and gets harder with every drop that falls, wherefore it was of great advantage prior to the days of the boulevards. In most sections of Tujunga children may go out to play when rain stops. It is the highest, driest and healthiest valley in all the Southland. Of course, it will be better to postpone to clear weather, should it rain on opening day,—and we have two big openings with a wide range of conditions to study over,—there will or should be plenty to go around.

CONFIDENTIAL LETTER MAILED TO MEMBERSHIP HOLDERS HAS REVEALED THE ENORMOUS DISCOUNT FROM THE LOW RETAIL PRICES.

THESE DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF RECORD JANUARY 25TH UPON THE INVENTORIED PARCELS RECITED HERE BELOW. (Prices upon Avocado-Acres Club plan in this issue are quoted net, without discount. Please remember this distinction between the two offerings. They represent different corporation ownerships—and each offering is upon separate and distinct terms.)

THE DISCOUNTS FROM INVENTORY PARCELS WILL PREVAIL DURING FEBRUARY TO MEMBERS OF RECORD AS ABOVE, BUT SUBJECT TO RISING REVISION TO MEMBERS JOINING AFTER THE TUJUNGA CLOSING DATE.

THE INVENTORY PARCELS

The listed parcels, cited herewith below, may be found duly marked and designated as to locality upon a huge map printed within the folded portion of this 8 page paper. Each Parcel being marked and numbered as to location and then listed here as per the number appearing upon the map.

"Easy for beginners," are the few restrictions in these parcels. With this map studied, showing streets, locations, etc., one may sometime find these lots alone; but from the Home Extension main office in the Tujunga drug store building, on Sunset Boulevard, members may secure the assistance of Association officers and helpers in viewing the offerings.

SELLING TERMS

THE SELLING TERMS TO HOME EXTENSION MEMBERS UPON ALL OF THE BELOW LISTED PARCELS NUMBERED 1 TO 164, ARE UPON THE HOMESTEADING TERMS THAT POPULATION CREATES LAND VALUES WHICH FORTIFIES THE SELLERS' SECURITY WITHOUT CASH PAYMENTS; AS WELL AS INSURING PROFITS TO THE HOLDERS AND DEVELOPERS.

MEMBERS MAY SELECT THESE PARCELS BY A PAYMENT OF THREE MONTHS' INTEREST IN ADVANCE, WITH INTEREST PAYMENTS QUARTERLY THEREAFTER FOR TWO YEARS. AFTER THAT YOU MAY CONTINUE PAYING ONLY THE QUARTERLY INTEREST FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS, IF, AND AS LONG AS, YOU ARE BONA-FIDELY DWELLING UPON THE PROPERTY. IF AT THE END OF A TWO-YEAR PERIOD IT IS NOT OCCUPIED BY ACTUAL DWELLING, SELLERS MAY CALL FOR PAYMENTS IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, AND INTEREST. CONTRACTS TOTALLING UNDER $500 MUST BE PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY IN ADVANCE; AND CONTRACTS TOTALLING UNDER $200 MUST BE PAID ANNUALLY IN ADVANCE.

To prevent wholesale speculation we may restrict one parcel to a member, unless adjoining.

Illustration: A $500 net price purchase, would require $8.75 of quarterly interest down; same amount every three months for two years.

SELECTIONS UNDER THE INVENTORY PARCEL OPENING MAY BE HAD FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. YOU MAY SELECT TODAY AND MOVE IN TOMORROW.

(This again distinct from the Avocado Acres, of which practically all must go, or escrows and subscriptions will be returned at the end of the subscription period, which see, page 8.)

WATER SERVICE: All of the plots under INVENTORY PARCELS are already piped and served by the Haines Canyon Water Company, a public utility under State regulation, which serves nearly the whole valley. A few noted exceptions to this are mentioned, under parcel descriptions.

LIGHT & HEAT: The valley is served by the Edison Company with electricity—and they reach nearly all of the plots herewith. You must make special personal observation as to the electric and phone service poles where you select.

Gas is served quite generally throughout the valley, but not the full length of all streets. Make inquiry of the neighbors about that.

RESTRICTION: Contracts and deeds permit only of occupancy by those of the White Caucasian race. Building restrictions are controlled only by compliance with the City of Tujunga and City of Los Angeles regulations as to outdoor toilets, piping and wiring. Beginners at home-making frequently construct small garage-living apartments upon rear of property.

Poultry and livestock regulations are mainly controlled by City statutes, —with commercial poultry permitted in parcels number.....

TAXES & STREET WORKS: Contracts are issued subject to unpaid portions of paving cost, where paving exists. All taxes paid up to but subject to last half of taxes 1929, payable next April 1929.

Upon these terms and conditions, we invite your attention to the following listed Inventory Parcels.

The listed prices are subject to the special discount to Home Extension members of record January 25th the net resulting opportunity, of which, afford you that long-desired opportunity to stop paying rent, and become a substantial Beneficiary instead of the Victim of the growth of the great metropolis of Los Angelers.

The Syndicate owners of such parcels are much like manufacturers of shoes, who cannot wear all of the shoes they create, etc. Owners' interests in central business properties warrants the irresistible inducements.

Your development of these properties will give Tujunga once again the first forward movement of the great development that is surging below the surface of everything done in Los Angeles today, viz: the Boulder Dam,—the tunnels under the Hollywood Hills,—the Riverside Drive and the 100 foot widening of San Fernando road.

Many of these parcels, especially in the hill sections will grow Avocado trees to perfection. The floor of the valley is mainly sandy land and the Avocado tree, being originally from swamp areas, does not thrive upon light sandy soils. The making of a home place with self-supporting food trees near a great metropolis is both a wise philosophy and a much-better-than-golfing form of recreation and retreat. Here the beginner in commercial life, may attempt the procurement of millionaire prizes, without financial strain, if you conform your monthly living account to the absorbing of some one of these wonderful estates.

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TIME TABLE MOTOR TRANSIT STAGES

The Transit Motor Buses leave from 5th & Los Angeles street depot, as follows. Members who desire may arrange by phone to go direct from the Home Extension office at 11 a.m. except Sundays. Telephone TUcker 5462 for appointment.

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Los Angeles..Leave	7:15	8:45	10:15	11:45	1:15	2:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	5:45	6:15	7:15	9:15	11:45
Tujunga ....Arrive	8:17	9:47	11:17	12:47	2:17	3:47	5:17	5:47	6:22	6:47	7:12	8:12	10:12	12:42

* Daily except Sundays.
† Daily except Sundays and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas.
‡ Saturdays, Sundays and above named holidays only.

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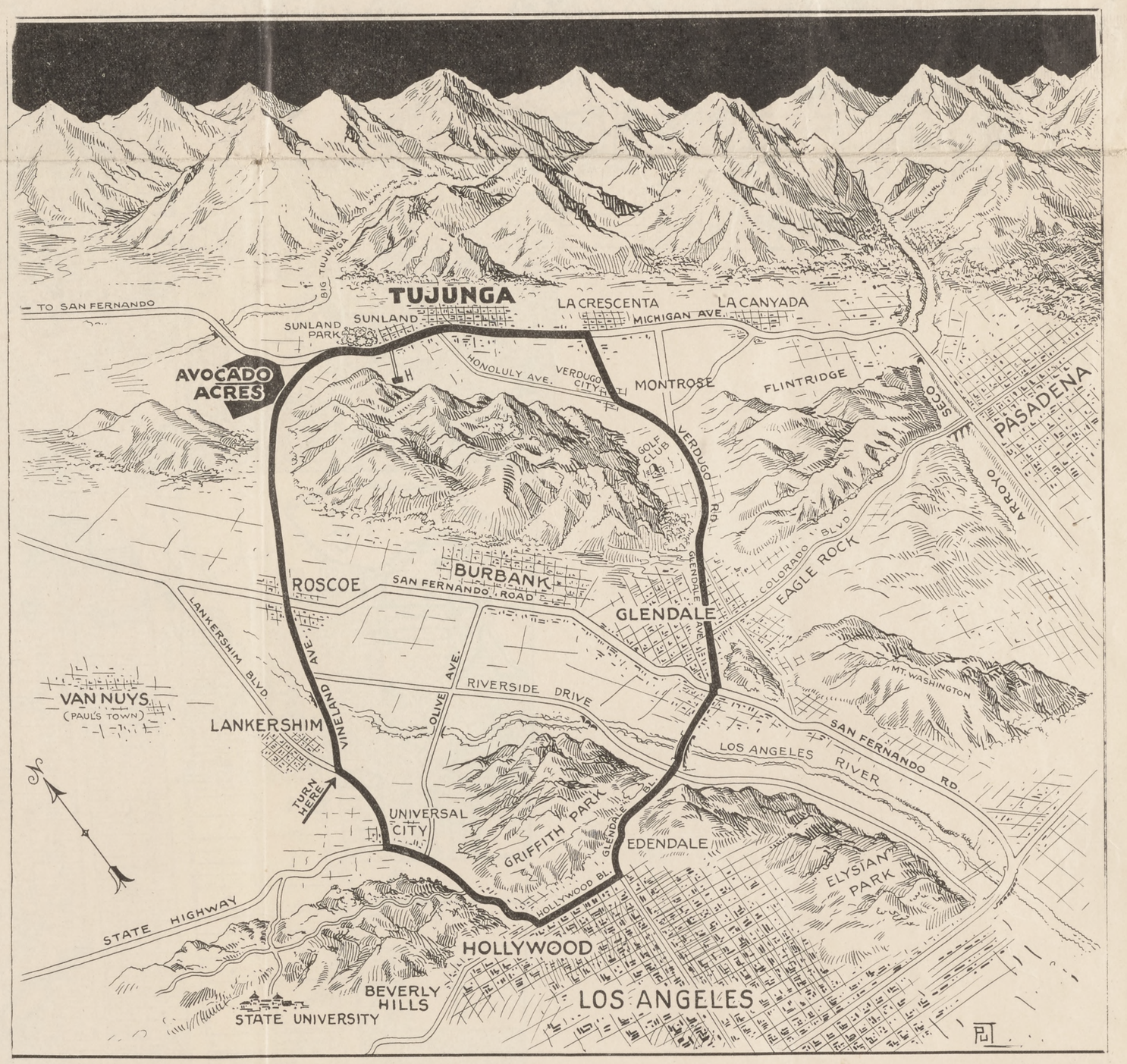
Tujunga .....Leave	5:39	6:39	6:54	7:09	7:54	8:54	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54	7:54	10:39
Los Angeles Arrive	6:35	7:40	7:55	8:10	8:55	9:55	11:25	12:55	2:25	3:55	5:25	6:50	8:50	11:35

Fares from Los Angeles
To Tujunga—One Way, 55c; Round Trip, 85c; Family Com. Book, 33c per ride.



TUJUNGA—The Residential Mistress of the North Angeles Area.

"From an elevation 2000 feet above the sea, she swings from the sky-line like the hanging gardens of ancient Babylon and looks serenely out over the purple west." Hollywood and Beverly Hills keep spreading over the coastal plain, and the best residential, shopping and amusement centers are thus verging constantly westward into the foreground of Tujunga. In that small area of ten or twelve miles between Tujunga and Hollywood a fifteen million dollar network of cement boulevards have been built during the past six years and the civic bodies are preparing the tunnel plans under the Cahuenga hills. Los Angeles, the beaches and the State University all thus become a twenty-minute spin out from the "green Verdugo hills".

I write these predictions confidently. Tujunga is primarily a Home Extension town. We first opened and planted population in Hansen Heights in 1907. Then Tujunga Terrace in 1908. Then the present city of Tujunga in 1911. The original advertisements of these openings are now framed upon the walls of this office before me and every prediction made in those campaigns has been more than doubled in the actual achievements now before us. We now say to you that the Los Angeles Metropolitan area is so rapidly filling up that the cost of comfortable living inside that area will go beyond the reach of average families, as it has in New York. You may now, without money investment beyond the actual outlays of your average living, attain a foothold which we believe will pay for itself in the increment of the extra sized plot you occupy and improve. That is the Home Extension Plan, of so arranging the basic economic set-up that you may become the Beneficiary instead of the Victim of the community you help to create.

Inventory Parcels and Prices—Continued

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WHEREFORE the INVENTORIED PARCELS HEREWITH BELOW LISTED ARE NOW FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

Prices quoted include all the lots in a parcel—then the discount.

Parcel 1.—A beautiful park, of several acres, for Club. Or, a winter vegetable or avocado retreat in the "green McGroarty hills". Yes, with a real grove of 'sack-a-moor' trees; and the wild holly grows on the hill-sides. Two water springs. An amphitheatre and speaking platform already built. Several acres of orchard homeland.

What a club or society grounds!

Contains approximately seven acres, but we are not certain the official map of County Records is on file in the main Tujunga office and you can calculate the acreage yourself.

Parcels 2 and 3 **and parcel 14 must be included with this in one contract.**

Legal description—Lot 308 of Hillhaven Tract, as per records Los Angeles County. Price $1200 per acre with public utilities.

Parcel 2.—Lots 304 and 305 of said Hillhaven Tract. Size 69 ft. by 104. Level ground. Faces the grove trees. A cute spot for a week-end, or, (now that the throng is coming to dwell among the hills) it is a lovely hill home. Hillhaven is a summer resort to Tujunga.

Total price $400. Must be sold with parcel one, only.

Parcel 3.—Lots 300, 301, 302 of said Hillhaven Tract. Ditto as parcel 2. Charming, exquisite. Out of the world but only 30 minutes from Hollywood or 25 minutes from Glendale. Price total $600. Must be sold with parcel one, only.

Parcel 4.—About a half acre on two slopes of a hill ridge in the charming hills. Build a "leetle cabane" on the crest, grow grapes, avocados, winter tomatoes and good things to eat. The electric pole lines are already up on part of this Tract. Just how near writer cannot say, look for yourself.

Legal description, lots 312, 313, 326, & 327 of Hillhaven Tract—must be about half an acre. Total gross price $800. Figure your discounts to this half acre. Then the terms. Then the climate that brings health. This offering makes me think of the old days when they gave a Beverly Glen lot with every subscription to the Sunset Magazine of San Francisco, only these are fit for occupancy by any family;—have been plowed and planted heretofore, but hill slopes.

Water pipelines are not very far from this lot and Railroad Commission regulations require a deposit against usage rates for extensions.

Parcel 5.—Ditto as to parcel 4; except there are eleven lots, probably 2 acres. Figure it down to Home Extension membership. Electric pole lines and telephones nearby. Many prefer electric stoves over gas. Good granite (natural) roads. Never muddy. Cannot get muddy!

Price $1200. (Remember 2 acres). See what the discount does to that. The syndicate owning this tract also owns nearly a thousand acres around this Hillhaven tract. They could afford to give these lots to actual settlers. Figure Home Extension membership power to get the net figure. Did you expect to get charming residential land at the elbow of Los Angeles and adjoining Glendale and Hollywood by a few minutes at such acreage price with roads made, etc., etc., etc.? Are you not getting these "given" to you, in one sense of the word?

Description: Lots 315, to 325 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract, etc.

Water mains must be extended 200 or 300 feet to this plot under State regulation.

Parcel 6.—Lots 121 and 122, Hillhaven Tract. About one-quarter acre. Maybe higher and more sightly. Price $400. Close to water mains—inquire.

Parcel 7.—A single lot estray. Number 27, Hillhaven Tract. Gross price $300. Size 42 by 147. Water mains already in.

Parcel 8.—About an acre. From the map it looks like the crest view of rising ground. Gross price $1200. Described,—Lots 14 and 114 to 118, both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. Water main already in.

Parcel 9.—A lot 42 ft. frontage. Price $250. Lot 30 Hillhaven Tract.

Parcel 10.—Almost an acre, hillslope. Take 'em at $800 gross. Described:—lots 145 to 149 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. Water mains to be extended by purchaser.

Parcel 11.—Three lots of about 120 foot frontage. Gross price $400. Described, 152 to 154, inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. These **must** be combined with Parcel 12.

Parcel 12.—Eight lots hanging around a curving hillslope, with fine outlook. A mountain nook, 'cheaper than dirt'—Gross total $1200.

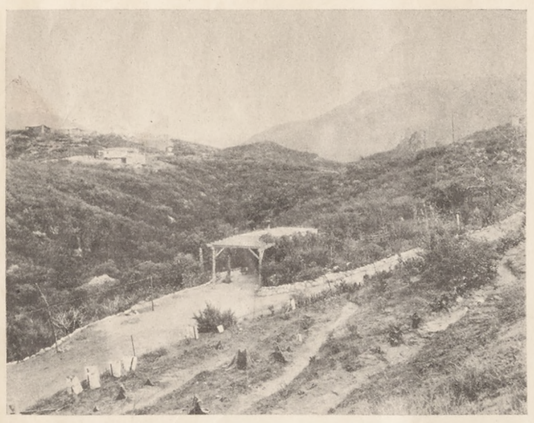
Described—166 to 172 both inclusive, and 156 Hillhaven Tract. It faces entrance from 3 streets. Include parcel 11.

Parcel 13.—A week-end cabin site. Size 35 by 83 feet. Alright, gross price $300. It faces the grove of trees. Water mains some distance away.

Parcel 14.—A miniature sub-tropical farm in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles. Looks like 2½ acres in size to me. Figure it out from big official map in office. Is good tree and vegetable land mostly. The proposed road up Tuna canyon from Burbank and Roscoe to Tujunga is laid out adjoining these lots. Gross price for the acreage $2000. Figure your membership rights off this.

Described:—Lots 220 to 224 both inclusive and 290 to 295 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract, Records L. A. County. Water main already in.

This must be sold with Parcel one, two and three in one aggregation.



GENTLE HILL-SLOPES—

Parcels 22 or 23 in foreground. Avocados thrive here without terracing. Good neighbors, electricity, etc. Elevation 1900 feet above the sea. High, dry and 3 minutes from business center in vale below, where level lots are also listed.

Parcel 15.—Here is an avocado strip of 12 lots—we presume there is possibly two acres, maybe little short. Figure it. Gross price $2400. These are truly beautiful hill lots. Houses built nearby have electricity and telephones probably. Look around on ground, because we could not go to each parcel in writing this inventory.

Description: lots 236 to 247 both inclusive, Hillhaven tract, etc. Water main in.

That means only $100 a lot when discounts are figured.

Parcel 16.—Facing the golden west a group of 10 lots, facing the Glen-o'-peace driveway and Reverie road. If there's anything in a name just look at 'em facing out through the canyons to the sinking sun-and leaf mould soil on some of it maybe. Gross $1400. These are avocado lots in our opinion.

Description.—Lots 251, 254 to 257 both inclusive, and 260 to 264 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract, etc. Water main in.

Parcel 19.—Seven and one-half double lots. Not far from three acres. Splendid avocado land, we believe. Fine sightly homesite. Away from the roaring town in the heart of nature. Gross price $3000.

Described:—The west one-half of lot 136, and all of lots 137 to 143 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. Water mains very close. See nearest house.

Parcel 20.—This has a house upon it. About 1½ acres. House is Redwood, cost about $900, will take $100 to repair to that point. Splendid view site. Just look across that ravine eastward and see that snug-a-bus hill home a neighbor has made, as per illustration herein. Other nice homes almost adjoining you. Gross price $2500.

Parcel 21.—Four lots, probably over an acre. See that rich soil. Note the everlasting natural granite roads which never muddy. View not so elevated but rich lots. Gross $1200.
Description:—lots 126 to 129 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. Water in street.
Parcel 22.—These 9½ lots, extend from one high sightly road, down the ravine and up the other side. A dream spot for a poet. An avocado shade grove. A retreat from the roaring town. The houses within a few feet have electricity, and probably telephones. Look for the poles as to this. Both roads splendid for building site. Maybe you want only one side of canyon. We will proportion prices and let's go. Almost 2½ acres. Gross price $2900.

Description:—Lots 40 and 41, and 76 and 77 and the east half of 78, and all of 79 to 83 both inclusive Hillhaven Tract, etc.

When you consider the neighbors, the adjacency to stores, schools and the natural granite driveways, these prices and terms of Home Extension membership mean opportunity. Water main either in or very close up.

Parcel 23.—The neighbor's place to the south explains the country. Four goodly sized or double lots totalling say two-thirds of an acre. Take 'em at $1000 gross. (Maybe parcel 24 should be taken also).

Description:—46 to 49 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract. Water in street.

Parcel 24:—A perfectly good natural made cellar if we remember rightly. Gross price $400 takes both. Fine westward outlook. Description,—lots 52 and 53 Hillhaven Tract, etc. Water in street.

Parcel 25:—Four lots and good and deep in every sense of the word. But parcel 26 adjoining are going to be store lots some day and might not these, when the hills are filled with people and the air boats are landing on your platform in the back-yard of your 'eagle's nest'?

Maybe you don't believe they are going to build air-boats that'll land on a 20 by 20 foot platform in your back yard. I don't either but they claim it. Anyhow let's slaughter these lots at $800 gross. It's sure ¾ths of an acre, isn't it? Look at the nice homes around and the public service poles, etc. and the natural granite road in front, everlasting to everlasting granite. Water in street.

Description 55 to 58 both inclusive, Hillhaven Tract, etc.

Parcel 26.—We believe these are zoned for business. People will need something up on the hill in line of a store convenience probably, in future. Five lots gross price $1500. A little store, a home, an orchard. Three-fourths an acre estimated.

Description:—Lots 60 to 64 both inclusive Tract 8958, records, etc. Water in street.

Parcel 27.—Look out over all of Tujunga. A sky-liner. Gross $600.

Description:—Lot 97 Hillhaven Tract. Water in street.

Parcel 28.—Two lots both sky-liners looking over the world below—Gross price $400. Described,—lots 102 & 103 Hillhaven Tract, etc. Water in street.

Parcel 29:—About —— acres. A bonanza rancho overlooking a world below. Just a short drop down to the business center. An institutional lot. A farm orchard if you want to. We have had a contour map made of this at considerable expense. Have grouped the lots here to give entrance from about six roadway angles. It will require study to appreciate and understand this valuable property. Contours permit extension of existing roads to make many valuable lots, right in the commercial heart of Tujunga, but along the sky-line. A gentleman's home retreat indeed. Price $2000 an acre.

Described—lots 10 and 11, and 21 to 24, both inclusive, and 45, 46, 47 and 58 of Tract 8958 and lot 104 of Hillhaven Tract, etc. Water in street.

Parcel 30.—An eagle's nest of 4 lots also overlooking the "best mountain town in the U. S. A." Price gross $1400. Described,—lots 54 to 57 both inclusive Tract number 8958. Ask about water mains.

Parcel 31:—Cabin site. Gross price $200. Description: Lot 5, Tract 8959.

Parcel 32.—Top o' the world overlooking John McGroarty's house and the vale of Tujunga below you. Looks almost 3 acres. We put Parcel 33 with it, and that's 4 acres anyhow—and a hilltop that brings thousands upon thousands of dollars when the right party sees and wants it. Alright estimate the acreage and this price of $5000 takes it. Described,—lots 7 to 12 incl., & 27 to 34 both inclusive, Tract 8959, etc. I've seen such lots bring $100,000. Water to lot 7.

Parcels 34 & 35.—These together also. Nine sizeable lots and $3000 gross takes it. Described,—lots 14 to 17 both inclusive and 21 to 25 both inclusive, Tract 8959, etc. Water main to lot 13.

Parcel 36,—Maybe the water pipe must be extended to this bunch they are just east of and above Mr. McGroarty's home and look over the lower world. Eight lots,—an acre plus,—gross $2400.

Described lots 36 to 43 both inclusive Tract 8959.

Parcel 37,—a total of nine lots and sloping from the "green Agroarty hills". We can point 'em out from the Highway, but you'd like them if you were upon them. About an acre all told—gross price $1400. Just hold these a few years and plant ornamentals and see what happens to you. Described,—lots 1 to 7 both inclusive and 33 and 34 of Tract 8958, etc. Water at lot 7.

Parcel 38:—Nuff sed. Acre plus. Woodsy and roads above and roads from below. Gross price $1000. Described, lots 127 and 132, both inclusive. Tract Number 3965, etc Water main in.

WATER MAINS ALREADY IN TO ALL OF FOLLOWING PROPERTY

Parcel 39.—Gee whiz. Gross price $400. You week-enders make the boys show you this quick. You can almost jump off it into the stores; and the improvements around it, and its future! Described—lot 126, Tract 3965.

Parcel 40.—Two steep lots, but fronting on the very edge of the town. Syndicate says somebody knows how to use 'em. Take a look, what do you say to $600 gross. You bet they'll go. Described—lots 138 and 139, Tract 3965, etc.

Parcel 41.—Single week-ender in a fairyland spot, charming homes environ it. Gross $500. Described,—lot 85 Colondrina tract.

Parcel 42.—A greater and more wonderful week-ender, adjoining fine homes and inspiringly located. Let it go at $1000. Described,—lot 89 of Golondrina Tract, etc.

Parcel 43.—Study this out and see the Indian village caverns where the Indian Mother of Tujunga first smiled. Anyhow it's $600 gross and described,—lot 111 of Tract 3965, etc.

Parcel 44.—Now we are out of the hill slopes—on the level ground. This one's rough. Somebody knows how to use it. Valuable because of proximity to business. Gross $500. Described,—lot 99 of Tract 3965, etc.

Parcel 45.—High class highway frontage 165 feet, but triangular. Take it or leave it gross, $6000. Described,—the east 165 feet of lot 99, Tract 3984—metes and bounds to be inserted.

Parcel 46.—Business lots, see special map at office. All on the Highway running through to the rear street. Priced about $50 a foot. Ready for business. The stone house not for sale.

Parcel 47.—Sand lots, filled in. Near business. If you can use 'em take one or more at $600 for corner and $500 for inside lots. Described,—lots 90, 91, 92, 93 & 95 of Golondrina Tract, Records Los Angeles County.

Parcel 48.—A week end or home place—amidst the oaks. Level and beautiful and a stone's throw from the stores. Gross price $800. Described,—lot 16 of Golondrina Tract.

Parcel 49.—A good oak tree on it. Price gross $400. Described, lot 9 of Golondrina Tract.

Parcel 50.—Business lots on Highway almost adjoining stores. Frontage 25 feet. The 2 lots of 50 feet by 64 feet deep. Gross price $2000. Described,—lots 60 and 61, Tract 3984, etc.

Parcel 51.—Side street adjoining business. Frontage 100 feet, by 82 ft. Price,—$2000. Splendid garage location. In the heart of business section on a cut-over side street. Or, planing mill, or carpenter shop, etc. Described,—lots 62, 63 and the south 20 feet of lot 64 in Tract 3984, etc.

Parcel 52.—Business frontage on paved street, subject to paving costs but a going business location. Price $3000. Described lots 67, 68 & 69 of Tract 3984, etc.

Parcel 53.—An assortment of business lots upon State Highway with roadway in without assessment. See special map and price list at offices on tract. Priced about $50 a front foot.

A line of residence lots on rear street adjoining business center. Priced low at about $20 foot.

Parcel 54.—In the very rear of business. Potential future value. Convenient to present day business. Take 'em 60 by 140 feet plus, and both of them, at $1800 gross. Described lots K & L, Tract 4026.

Parcel 55.—A Sunset boulevard business lot, subject to street work partly paid. Size 25 by 135 to alley. Price $2200. Described, lot 40, Tract 6021.

Parcel 56.—One of the best business corners of Tujunga. Size 53 by 127 to alley—confirm from map, please. Price $15,000. Described, lots 1 and 2 of Tract 6021, Records Los Angeles County.

Parcel 57.—Assorted business lots—50 foot corner of Greeley in the immediate heart of Tujunga. $15,000. Description lots 1 & 2, Tract 10037.

Parcel 58.—Greeley avenue business and residence lots. Some oak trees. Will be priced around $40 front foot, plus for oak trees. See map and special list to be made out in Tujunga office.

Parcel 59.—About 100 foot frontage of oak lots on State Highway. Price $18,000. Must sell together. Buyer should secure lots in rear running through to Greeley avenue. Now in use for nursery yards. Described,—lots 9 to 12 both inclusive, Tract 10037, records L. A. County.

Parcel 60.—Splendid Highway location, 50 by 175 deep to rear which faces junction of two streets. Price $9000.

Described,—lots 19, 20, 27 & 28, Tract 6408, etc.

Parcel 61.—Size 72 by 110 ft. Price $1600. Described, lots 59 & 60, Tract 6408.

Parcel 62.—Frontage 120 on Los Robles Ave., which is destined to be opened to the Honolulu boulevard cut off to Los Angeles, etc. and business site potentially. Price $1500. Described, lot 236, Tract 6408.

Parcel 63.—A hill-top. A majestic site. Overlooking the town and valley. A landing station for your airship. A splendid carrying investment. Contains about 3 to 4 acres. Price $6000. If you get $200,000 for this hilltop home in a giant young city in the metropolitan area, then you'll be happy. We will also be happy that you do it. The syndicate owning these lands is like a shoe maker who cannot wear all the shoes he makes, but they are good shoes for you.

Described, lot 230, tract 6408.

Take Parcel 64 with this and get easiest access.

THESE GEM OF TUJUNGA TRACT LOTS

They snuggle in the arms of the green hills, in a three minute walking distance to every convenience of stores, churches, schools, etc. Side hill soils rich for tree growths. The true gem of Tujunga. Look them over for week-end or permanent homes. Why pay the same number of thousands of dollars for lots down in the colder and damper lowlands when a 20 to 25 minute auto trip places you in the commercial activities of Glendale or Hollywood?

The Big Map on the inside pages must be unfolded—not cut. Just unfold, and the map is before you.

And asthma disappears instantly at Tujunga, and health is in every breath of air you take. Water mains all in on this tract.

Parcel 64.—A 2 acre bowl. Organize a symphony orchestra and start in. A natural amphitheatre. We have had subdivision map made into many lots and map may be seen at main office, Tujunga. It is too fine for lovely home with enormous potential values accruing because of peculiar uses when dense population ensues. Described, lots 98 and 99 and 248, Tract 6408. Price $5000.

One of the '57 varieties' of view from the Avocado Acre Estates. Looking into the mysteries and changing shadows in the canyon of the Big Tujunga river. After each big rain storm, the mountains are whitened for miles, and when it melts, the torrential river (safely 200 feet below) roars the song of the canyon, which trout fishermen live from one season to another just to hear. And Hollywood 24 minutes away.

Parcel 65.—Double street frontage. Highest class. Size 36 by 204 feet. Price $1400. Described,—lots 95 and 102, Tract 6408. Buyer pays street work.

Parcel 66.—About half acre. Price $600. Shoot 'em boys. Described,—lots 212, 213 & 225, Tract 6408.

Parcel 67.—Dreaming as it sleeps while the twilight softly creeps thru the oak trees round about. Paved driveway. Price $400, subject street costs spread over ten years. Described, lots 112 & 113, Tract number 6408.

Parcel 68.—Size 60 by 50 feet, about. A week-end place or what? Price $400. Described,—lots 195 & 196, Tract 6408.

Parcel 69.—A toe hold on happiness. Price $150, gross. Described,—lot 217, Tract 6408. A family there means more to the syndicate than five times the price asked, that's why so cheap, and easy.

Parcel 70.—An avocado ranch adjoining commerce. The answer to the prayers and hopes of many. The natural wild growth is worth a fortune to some. Should not be put to commercial orchard but a beautiful estate. Just look! Is it one or two acres—we cannot figure it in this rush. Penetrate this. Paved street reaches one point. Priced $4000. Remember your Home Extension member benefits and figure out these eleven lots. Water and electricity and phones and gas almost adjoining. When did you meet the like of this? Described,—lots 168 to 175 both inclusive and 199, 200 and 214, Tract 6408, records L. A. County.

Parcel 71.—Adjoins parcel 70. Priced $1000. Maybe the buyer of parcel 70 wants this. Described lots 176 to 182 both inclusive, Tract 6408, etc.

Parcel 72.—Price $400. Described 152 & 153, Tract 6408.

Parcel 73.—Price $200. Described lot 253, Tract 6408.

Parcel 74.—Stucco house, 4 rooms. Corner on potential business street, priced $5000, payable $25 a month for 3 years, when all due.

Parcel 75.—A big lot on paved boulevard of potential business value. Priced $600. Described north half of lot 839, Tract 3493. Subject paving partly paid, spread over 10 years.

Parcel 76.—A 30-foot home lot amidst an oak covered region of little homes, on potential thorofare boulevard paved, and subject to unpaid paving spread over many years. Price $380. Described—lot 2 of Tract 3484.

Parcel 77.—A little walk from school. Faces beautiful hill view. Roomy and amid good homes. Oiled street paid for. Priced $700. Described, lots 849 and the South half of 904, Tract 3951. Cheap because danger of flood wash. Study that out.

Parcel 78.—Free rock. Rough street. Plenty of rock for building. Study the flood control here and maybe you have special use for this. Priced $600. Described, lots 859 and 860 and north half of 904, Tract 3951.

Parcel 79.—Same as 77 and 78 parcels but larger. Magnificent sightly spot and the surface rock is worth more than price asked. Price $1000. Described, lots 878, 879, 880 and south half of 903, Tract 3951.

Parcel 80—Fine, sightly. Price $1000. Described, lot 898, Tract 3951. If paved, it is sold subject to.

Parcel 81.—Another rock proposition about like parcel 78 but on a paved street with costs spread over many years' tax bill. Priced $1000. A better street than 78 and a splendid place. Described, lots 892, 893 and north half of 903, Tract 3951.

Parcel 82.—Good, 40x118 ft. Elegant homes surrounding. Priced $800. Described, lot 707, Tract 3952.

Parcel 83.—Most beautiful building corner in Tujunga? Is it? We think so. 86x132 feet. Priced $2000. Described, lots 167 and 168, Tract 3462.

Parcel 84.—Three lots like Parcel 83—size 129x132 feet. Priced $2500. Described, 163, 164 and 165, Tract 3462. Subject to extend charges on water mains per regulations.
Parcel 85.—Two lots, total one acre, on the highest residence street in suburbs of Los Angeles. Splendid homes adjoining. Priced $4000, subject to extension charges of water mains as per Railroad Commission's regulation making advance necessary to extend main. Described, lots 510 and 511, Los Terrenitos Tract.

Parcel 86.—Priced $2000, subject water extension charges, described lot 513, Los Terrenitos Tract.

Parcel 87.—Magnificent corner. Subject street work not yet paid. 40x105 feet. Priced $1500. Described, lot 623, Tract 3978.

Parcel 88.—Finest residential, 35x186. Priced $1200, subject street works if any. Described, lots 1 and 16, Tract 3964.

Parcel 89.—Half acre without road entrance. Shut in and off from roads. Priced $600. Described, the west half lot 476, Los Terrenitos Tract.

Parcel 90.—A splendid front lot for home and altogether over two acres in our judgement of rich leaf mould hillside, in rear. Strictly magnificent location. Avocados will grow there. Maybe the leaf mould of north hills slope is valuable. But to move it along to someone who will use it and develop its potential values, it is priced $3200. Described, lot 9 of Tract 4162 and lot 2711 of Tract 3947. Maybe buyer of this wants Parcel 91, which read:

Parcel 91.—"It looks out over the western world." This is the original meeting grounds of McGroarty's famous millionaires' club of contentment. See it. Buy Parcel 90 with it and start a hotel—or make a great home estate of it. Priced $3000. Description, 2700, 2701, 2702 and 2708, 2709 and 2710, of Tract 3947.

Parcel 92.—About seven acres. Sanatarium site? Priced $9000. Described, lot 2712, excepting the northeast 50x196 feet, to be described in contract by metes and bounds from engineer, in Tract 3947.

Parcel 93.—A good corner lot with ready-made cellar or sunken garden, but a million dollar westward outlook. Priced $600. Big and good, to the right party. Described, 774, of Tract 3490.

Parcel 94.—A retreat. Priced $400. Described, lot 2717, Tract 3947.

Parcel 95.—60x135 ft., with million dollar outlook. Surely marvelous value at $375 gross. Described, 2724 and 2725, Tract 3947.

Parcel 96.—The best on best street. Real homeplace. 42x150 ft. Priced $1000, subject to street work remaining unpaid but over long years. Described, lot 139, Tract 3528.

Parcel 97.—"Most desirable homesite in the valley," says one and a fine small farm. Paved street and subject to it. Priced $2000. Described, lot 27, Los Terrenitos Tract.

Parcel 98.—A shut-in lot. No road entrance. We think we can deliver 20 feet off of lot 26, which corners it. Priced $1200. Described, "the east 167 feet of lots 10 and 11, Los Terrenitos Tract."

Parcel 99.—Very valuable when storm drain street goes thru. A ready-made cellar free with these lots. See what Mr. Friese did in the wash out at Zachau tract on Monte Vista. There is always someone who knows how to use every character of a plot. If you're the man or woman, try these at $1200. I have seen men get rich on this kind

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A Club Park Site in McGroarty's Famous Hills—

In this little glen o' glenties is a club or society park site, or a gentleman's estate. It is tree embowered with sycamores, wild lilac and holly. Amphitheatre already built with stone seats and platform, and Glendale 20 minutes below.

See Parcel One. Avocado Acres in the Bottom Foreground—guide line

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Inventory Parcels and Prices—Continued

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of property. Near one city a fellow excavated to make bricks, with which the city built out toward him. Then he leased the excavated place for a dump. When filled he built sky-scrapers. He made three fortunes out of one piece of land. This is just a few yards around from Manzanita Park. In front of the Catholic church. Guess that the City of Tujunga may not rent it for a dump but they'd like to. You solve the problem and make three fortunes—we've pointed the way. The sand is worth something for every load taken out. Priced $1200 gross. Described, lots 1516, 1517, 1518, 1562, 1563 and 1564, Tract 3957.

Parcel 100.—Woodsy hillslopes, awaiting improvement of the little street. Priced $1260. Seven lots of great future value. Described, 1555 to 1561, both inclusive, Tract 3957. Subject to State regulation rule on water main extension to parcel 100.

Parcel 101.—Two lots, priced total $400. Described 1528 and 1529, Tract 3957. Subject to water extension rule.

Parcel 102.—A forty-foot lot. When street is paved it's good. Priced $380. Use a little vision and get rich on this. Described, 22, Tract 4319.

Parcel 103.—Just a triangle. Priced $300. Described, 1967, Tract 3963.

Parcel 104.—Another triangle in a fine region. Priced $200. Described, lot 1968, Tract 3963.

Parcel 105.—Business! "She'll speak for herself, John." There's room for home and stores and gardens in rear on a marvelous corner. 135x130 feet. Priced $15,000. It will be a drive-in market before many years. Described, lots 118, 119, 120 and 121, Tract 3980.

Parcel 106.—Frontage 255 feet by 80 feet deep. Priced $1200. Half acre. Out of city limits of Tujunga and could be used for poultry. Described, "the east 255 feet of lot A, Western Empire tract, reserving southerly 20 feet thereof, for the street not yet dedicated.

Parcel 107.—Three highest grade home lots, 120x122 ft. Lovely homes surrounding, fine streets, partly paid for. Priced $2400. Near Palm avenue school.

Parcel 108.—Fine corner on alley in rear of school. Priced $800. Described, lot 65, Tract 6729. A lovely lot!

Parcel 109.—Fine corner. One street paved, partly paid for. 45x122 feet. Priced $800. Described, lot 43, Tract 3715.

Parcel 110.—"Beauty spot. Lovely corner. Make one of the prettiest homes." 67x122 feet. Small chicken ranch? Priced $1400. Described, lots 49 and 50, Tract 6729.

Parcel 111.—There is a pretty site. A goodly scrub oak and a wild cherry bush on it. Paved and partly paid for—"overlooking the foolish automobiles on the Calabasas road." Enuff said. Price—for 92x86 feet—$1500. Described, lot 76 of the Zachau tract.

Parcel 112.—Another beauty looking over the Calabasas road that can subdivide into several lots. Good for bulbs and flowers. Size, irregular, about one-third acre. Located at junction of Hill street. Important as to future. Priced $2200. Described, lot 77, the Zachau tract.

Parcel 113.—Three lots. Paved frontage. 68 feet, partly paid. Sightly and close to Palm avenue school. Priced $1400. Splendid chicken ranch. Acres of flower fields around it. Some fine wild cherry bushes upon property. Described, lots 1, 2 and 5 in Tract 6126.

Parcel 114.—Nice. View all directions. Paved and subject to. Priced $700. Near school. Described, lot 36, Tract 6126.

Parcel 115.—Good location. Poor street. Close to school. Sandy and no mud, however. 40x135 feet. Priced $400. Joint action of neighbors can make good street. Described, lot 30, Tract 6126.

Parcel 116.—Similar to 115. Priced $400. Described, lot 15, Tract 6126.

Parcel 117.—Similar but sandy. Priced 2 lots $750. Described, lots 19 and 20, Tract 6126.

Parcel 118.—Size 120x135 feet. Sand is valuable but—priced for 3 lots $500. By filling in rocks and making retaining wall you have chicken and rabbit farm for a song. Electricity, gas, phones and everything all around. They adjoin carnation flower farm. Described, lots 16, 17 and 18 of Tract 6150.

Parcel 119.—Not bad. Good lot—good view. Put in street controlling rain water and you're on velvet. Priced $300. "A rare bargain for someone." Described, lot 14, Tract 6150.

Parcel 120.—Marvelous. 34x130. Priced $600. Described, lot 75 of Tract 3491. Paved streets run almost to your door without participating in expense of it.

Parcel 121.—Just at the end of paving, without expense to you. A small lot but wonderful location. 34x86 feet. Priced $500. Described, lot 76, Tract 3491.

Parcel 122.—Fine hillslope overlooking most of the Universe. Priced $500. Described, lot 25, Tract 4024.

Parcel 123.—An empire for a king. Five lots, about half an acre. Study 'em over. Priced $1500. Described, lots 60 to 63, both inclusive, and 118, of Tract 3491.

Parcel 124.—Seven lots. Look at 'em. Guess you should study them. Described, lots 40 to 46, both inclusive, Tract 3491. Didn't the roads and pipe lines cost more than the average of these lots? Figure it out. Price $1000.

Parcel 125.—Two beauties, overtopping the world, or near it. Priced $960. Remember your membership privileges. Described, lots 48 and 49, Tract 3491.

Parcel 126.—11 miniature lots. A half acre plus. Chickens or rabbits amidst the glories of the universe, which is all about you. Priced $800. Now figure that out—and get them while the doors are open. Described, lots 17 to 25, both inclusive, and 57 and 58 of Tract 3491. We cannot divide this parcel.

Sub-tropical Tujunga with a Snowy Background

Nature thrills with her charming moods in Cah-lee-for-nee-ah.

Under our summer suns the fruits of the tropics ripen, unaccompanied by the discomforts of the torrid zone. Here the brown of our summer hills and the golden stubble of the after harvest is all the winter that we know. Here a spring-like verdure is the harbinger of the coming autumn, and is attended by no forewarning of the bleak rigors of winter. Here winter is the season when the warm, brown earth is turned by the plow for seed time, and spring, with its flowers and ripening grains, is opulent with the prophecy of hopful industry. Nor are these all the features which challenge our love of country. Here Nature has wrought her best enchantment in the sublimity of mountain heights, the bold grandeur of cliffs, the pensive peacefulness of lovely valleys and the expansive splendor of fertile plains.

Parcel 127.—Now comes beautiful parcel. About one acre. A gentleman's estate. Good for bulbs or avocados or flowers, but canyon wall needs terracing. It is priced to attract you around to that region and bring it to the front. Priced, $1800. Described, lots 1, 5 and 97, Tract 3491.

Parcel 128.—A triangle with nice site on edge of canyon; take it away, three lots $600. Described, 113, 114 and 115, Tract 3491.

Parcel 129.—Yes, 3 beautiful lots. Rough, rugged and real secluded retreat. Priced $900. Described, 109, 110 and 111, Tract 3491.

Parcel 130.—Oiled street, no assessment. Elevated beauty spot amidst flower fields, etc. Priced $1200. Described, as lots 3004 and 3005, Tract 3712, records L. A. County.

Parcel 131.—"Inspiration point. An artist's paradise." Nuff sed. Acres in hillslopes below building site, may be avocadoed by basins or terraces. Los Angeles County has no finer gentleman's estate and only $6000 gross. If Hollywood saw this they'd ask $50,000 for the site. Described, lots 103, 104, 105, 106 and 107, Tract 3491.

Parcel 132.—Gentleman's canyon estate of 4 acres. (You figure it.) Look it over. View's right, but only a landscape gardener needed. Priced $6000. Described, lots 71 of Tract 4024 and 117 of Tract 3491.

Parcel 133.—A big one. Figure acreage. An orchard home place. Priced $4800. Described, lots 3017 to 322, inclusive, Tract 3712.

Parcel 134.—Some bunch. We'll lump 'em. Thirteen lots. Are you lucky? Priced $1500. Described, lots 3057 to 3064, inclusive, and 3067 to 3071, inclusive, of Tract 3712.

Parcel 135.—In lemon orchard. Poultry and rabbits O. K. Size 36x224. Priced $1000. Described, lots 91 and 114 of Tract 5492.

Parcel 136.—Priced $500. Described, lot 118, Tract 5492.

Parcel 137.—Corner in old lemon grove. Fine soil. Close to Sunland school. Price, $1300 for the two. Described, lots 11 and 12, Tract 5492.

Parcel 138.—Small corner in olive grove. 27x112 feet. Price $400. Described, lot 1, Tract 6443.

Parcel 139.—In olive grove, a block from school. Two lots. Priced $1250. Described, lots 133 and 134, Tract 6443.

Parcel 140.—3 olive tree covered lots. Priced $1600. Described, lots 202, 267 and 268, Tract 6443.

Parcel 141.—40-foot olive tree lot. Priced $800. Lot 273, Tract 6443.

Parcel 142.—A 40-foot lot. Priced $900. Lot 230, Tract 6443.

Parcel 143.—A 40-foot lot. Priced $800. Lot 193, Tract 6443.

Parcel 144.—A 40-foot olive tree lot. $800. Lot 129, Tract 6443.

The Big Map on the inside pages must be unfolded—not cut. Just unfold, and the map is before you.

TUJUNGA—2000 feet above the sea. The highest and driest climate in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area.

145.—A 40-foot corner tree covered. $900. Lot 119, Tract 6443.

Parcel 146.—80x112 feet. $1600. Lots 86 and 87, Tract 6443.

Parcel 147.—40-foot tree lot. $800. Lot 59, Tract 6443.

Parcel 148.—An old vineyard. A third of an acre. Price $2500. Described, lots 68, 69 and 70 of Tract 3647, together with a 15-foot strip adjoining on north of said lots. (Get description by engineer in main office.)

Parcel 149.—80-foot frontage. 2 nice oak trees. Price $1400. Described, lots 55 and 56 of Tract 3647.

Parcel 150.—Triangle. You try it. Say $450. Lots 48 and 49, Tract 3647.

Parcel 151.—Frontage of 116 feet on paved State highway at no cost. Below grade but forms natural cellar to store building. In rear is, say half acre, more or less. Restrictions bar commercial poultry. Priced $3000. Described, lots 8 and 9 and 27 and 28, Tract 3647.

Parcel 152.—Three highway lots paved without cost. Frontage 62 feet plus. Priced $2200. Described, lots 5, 6 and 7, Tract 3647.

Parcel 153.—Hillside. 30x346 feet. $240. Lot 1857, Tract Glen O' Glenties as per County records of Los Angeles.

Parcel 154.—Wonderful knoll for an artist. $2000. Described, lot 201½, Western Empire Tract.

Parcel 155.—Hillside behind oaks. 60x225 feet. $400. Lots 2253 and 2254, Tract 3708.

Parcel 156.—Residential lot in fine tract. $800. Lot 103, Tract 4728.

Parcel 157.—3 residential lots, supreme soil, near the heart of Sunland. Price $1800. Lots 248, 249 and 285, Tract 4321.

Parcel 158.—Sunland business lot. 40x123 ft. Priced $1600. Lot 68, Tract 3976.

Parcel 159.—7 lots with 7 to 11 big oak in a chicken and rabbit district and the city is figuring to enlarge the Park at Sunland, taking in these lots. Priced $9000. Described, lots 25 to 31, inclusive, Tract 6545.

Parcel 160.—An eight lot to be studied. Price $2400. Described, lots 4118 to 4125, both inclusive, Tract 3923.

Parcel 161.—A low down lot at low down price of $250. Lot 4105, Tract 3923.

Parcel 162.—A good homesite in the eucalyptus. Price $900. Lots 4014 and 4015, Tract 3923.

Parcel 163.—Hillside. Steep. Not very accessible. $800. Lots 4075 to 4078, inclusive, Tract 3923.

Parcel 164.—3 lots, good at the price of $600. Lots 4138 to 4140, inclusive, Tract 3923.

Our New Industry: *Avocados*

California is developing a new industry in this Avocado industry that we have so frequently referred to. The Home Extension is inclined to be conservative in the predictions about the industry just because it is new. We personally have about four acres in Avocados at Tujunga. Some of the trees are 12 years old. Some of them are only 5 years old. The 5-five-old trees are now loaded with large quantities of fruit and the value of the crop per tree can be estimated.

Our ranch is shown on the front page road map herewith. Just south of the town of Sunland, running both from the Park, is a dirt road about two blocks to our ranch. Please call at the keeper's cottage on the ranch and ask to be shown into the orchard. Orchard is not fenced but the ranch manager must be co-operated with in looking over the trees. We will be glad to have our members call upon this subject if they will kindly co-operate with the local ranch manager.

Tujunga lots where there is heavy soil are good for the Avocado tree. The question of climate and crop is shown at our own ranch, and that wipes out all argument or preconceived ideas. Tujunga is only about 20 miles or so air line from the ocean and the climate has been very successful in making fine fruit.

If you want a regular two, five or ten-acre Avocado ranch you should look at the few parcels remaining in our Vista offering. New members who want to go out onto a regular ranch to make the "green gold of avocados" should consult us about our Vista-Aideonda tract at once. Some 57 members have just lined up there and many of them are now building their little houses right now.

If you want a garden plot with rich avocado trees adjoining, these Tujunga offerings will prove of great happiness and value to you.

We have a definite record of 100 Avocado trees in the Whittier district that are 5 years old. The crop this year sold for $5600. This case is where a known Home Extension man planted the trees and we know the age to be 5 years only.

We cannot subscribe to all the hopes that have been published about the Avocado, but from the current literature of those who are enthusiastic upon the subject we quote some of the following reports and statements, for what they are worth after you have studied the situation carefully:

"From personal inspection of orchards, we know that under present market conditions, a 5-year-old avocado orchard of one acre will provide a comfortable living for the average family. . . On a 9-year-old tree 1500 fruit were counted, which if they averaged but three-quarters of a pound each would give a gross return of $31,500 per acre at 35c a pound."—Excerpt from the Business and Financial Analyst, issued monthly by the United States National Bank, San Diego, Calif.

"An excerpt from an article in the 'Country Gentleman' reads:

"' . . . This grower has taken as many as 32 crates of avocados from a single tree. . . From between January 15th and March, I didn't have a sale of avocados in New York under $32.50 a crate. I have frequently had them bring $40 a crate."

"You will see by these figures that 32 crates, at prices received, grossed $1000 a tree." —An Acre, A Competence with Contentment.

In October, four years ago, I started my avocado grove by planting Mexican seeds. I was very careful in selecting my budwood and budded the grove to Dickinson and Fuertes. I gave these trees excellent care and attention, and as a result, I believe, of this attention and care, I was able to take from seventeen Dickinson trees which came into bearing in 1925, 3400 pounds of fruit, for which I received a price of 48c per pound. This year from eighty trees in bearing I have over 7000 pounds of fruit. I have been offered 60c per pound for my Fuerte fruit by the California Avocado Growers' Association.

—A. W. Theisinger.

To Whom It May Concern:

Wm. H. Sallmon of Chula Vista makes the following statement: "My five acres of bearing avocado trees are valued at and worth to me, $25,000. I have been interested in the growing of avocados for the past 12 years and regard it as the world's greatest fruit." —Wm. H. Sallmon.

To Whom It May Concern:

A. S. Liljenberg of El Cajon Valley has this to say regarding their bearing trees:

"We sold more than $600 of fruit from our nine avocado trees last year. We did not keep tab of the amount of fruit we eat, but it was plenty."

—A. S. Liljenberg.

To Whom It May Concern:

"Our avocado trees, the Harmon variety, bore fruit in its fourth year and last year we sold $140 worth of fruit from this tree. As we are very fond of the avocado, we eat many pounds, also gave away much fruit to our friends."

—O. F. Bunch.

Land without population is a wilderness and population without land is a mob.

Don't take life too serious. The board and lodging is free on a California acre home.

If you had several thousand acres of land that you were not using, would it not pay you to give some of it away if it brought actual population and social values into your region? That's what Home Extension secures for members.

Some folks say; I could have made money on California property if I had had capital to invest. Your family possess a hidden asset of $4000 expressed in real estate values. If you go upon land in a group, this asset goes down your legs into the soil. You should study Home Extension plans to realize on this, otherwise your hidden assets flow into some other fellow's swollen fortune.

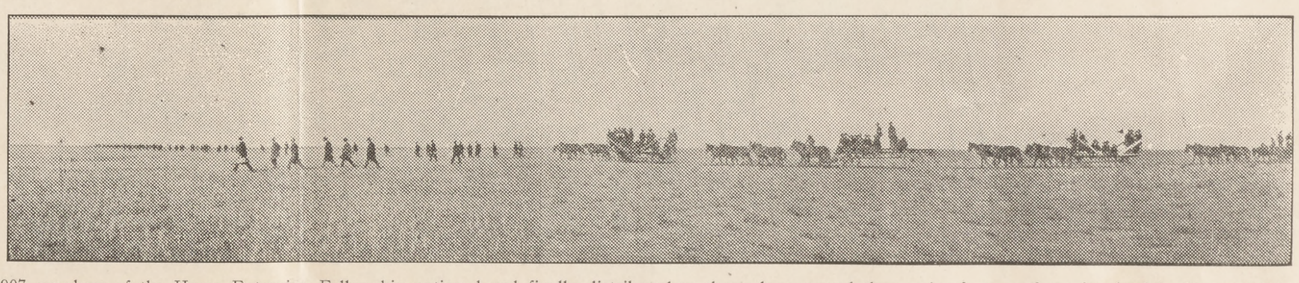
We have a few 1, 3 and 5 acre plots at Vista Aideonda in San Diego County, which new members who want Avocado or winter vegetable lands may acquire at unusual wholesale rates and homesteading terms. Ask Mr. Brummell in the Home Extension office.

DO YOU WANT WORK? The Home Extension will employ you. You can make money by creating happiness. It is co-operative work upon group developments. Call at main office only and at 12:30 noon week days.

Come to the Saturday night meetings of the Home Extension Fellowship, 309 Arcade Building, Los Angeles.

Avocado Acreage at Vista. Ask the Home Extension officials about an avocado or vegetable or poultry farm at Vista-Aideona. It is at wholesale on our membership plan.

HOME EXTENSION MEMBERS SELECTING LOCATIONS ON THEIR WASCO LANDS, 1907



In 1907 members of the Home Extension Fellowship optioned and finally distributed to themselves several thousands of acres of grazing land in 20 acre lots at $20 an acre. They laid out the townsite at $20 an acre—Lots averaged about $12 each. The settlers creating the town site reaped the increment of the city values. The town lots soon paid for the farms. It is now the famous Wasco community. When Herbert Hoover, now president-elect sought a fine ranch home, he selected 1400 acres adjoining Wasco. Unfortunately from a financial standpoint he was not a Home Extension member although we cannot gainsay his astuteness upon economic questions.

In 1918, when the War had almost put eggs out of reach and made onions fit for watch charms, Home Extension members to the extent of 97 families offered a Bank to give 97 little mortgages of $1000 to replace a frozen-credit dead horse mortgage of $97,000 held by the bank on a dead subdivision on San Pedro street Los Angeles. Each member secured 4 lots on a $1000 contract. They stopped paying rent and some lived on the lots in an army tent. The vegetables raised quadrupled the interest payments due monthly. Soon one lot sold for as much as the four subscribed for. Those who held until today have in some cases property valued at $50,000. Not acquired by money. A syndicate of people. Practically no money was used in the transaction. The Bank was happy, so were the Fellowship members.

Home Extension membership is an option to take such opportunities as we present them. You better read up upon this, if not already informed.

The Avocado Acre Club

"All Go or None Go"

To the
Young folks who live
In the roaring town; but never prosper;

And the
Older folks
Who seek a retreat
And a little farm in the high country;

These
Avocado acres
Are opened upon true Home Extension lines, viz.:

Open credit facilities at wholesale prices, based upon and
in exchange for, sudden group action.

Unless you become the Beneficiary of the growth of Los Angeles you will be a sorry Victim of it later on. Every new arrival from the east,—yes, each new arrival from Above,—adds to the crowded area, and the rent and land values of this sun-kissed coastal plane laying between the Sierra Madre mountains, only fifteen to thirty miles to the sea.

Young folks, especially, and many of us older ones, would count it rare privilege to live upon a private yacht and roam the seven seas.

Yes, we would put up with the squeeze-tight cabin quarters and the little shower bath room, where we almost scratch our elbows turning round. We would do that in a world wide yachting trip and get the thrill of the universe.

Well then,—step a few minutes aside from the roar of the Hollywood and Glendale business centers. Use the monthly outgo now flowing into a pretentious flat or house, and imagine yourselves in the tight-squeeze of your private yacht cabin. And, with the monthly outgo applied to the building of an artistic, stone or stucco garage-apartment; occupy upon this credit basis (of nothing but interest for five years) a whole acre of ground, within the city limits of Los Angeles.

Here create an avocado, ornamental garden place, in this marvelous "little Yosemite valley" which elbows with the roaring town. In sight of and among homes of the cultured and most prominent citizens of our Southland.

Create it, with the view, that group action of over 40 families will add to the social development already adjoining, and will create a sale value before the payments begin in five years, by which one-half of your acre should sell for enough to pay for the whole acre, plus the cost of the $3500 or more permanent house that you then (or sooner) erect.

The plots are laid out so that a street fronts each end of each plot.

The fundamentals being ascertained correct, there is no apparent likelihood of any lesser result than that the social value of 40 families expressed in real estate values will thus be developed into your own assets, instead of remaining hidden to flow into some other great fortune which is linked with land increments under population surges.

The
Character of the land
Then becomes paramount in this project.

Sightly knolls
And hill tops, always surpass the level plains for homes.

The Avocado Acres here opened represents all that is high class in residential property.

They are amidst the sightliest mountain environment to be gained in great travel, yet they elbow with Hollywood only 25 minutes away.

The elevation above sea level in this short distance is about 1400 feet; and the semi-arid desert conditions cannot be duplicated until one gets onto the desert as far as Palm Springs.

These Acres are located upon a promontory rising from the floor of a mountain environed valley which artists have raved over and which has become their home and retreat. While those located around the rim of the valley circle have wonderful outlooks which have become famous as homesites; yet they represent only 45 to 90 degrees angle of a view. Upon this rising ground almost up from the famous Oak Park of Sunland the view is a complete circle of 160 degrees, sweeping around from the mystery of the deep canyon of the Big Tujunga, out over the famed "Calabasas road" and the green Verdugo hills and the purpling sunsets that flame the windows of a thousand homes on the Tujunga slope.

Many of us have seen the hundred thousand dollar hill top sites of Hollywood and Beverly Hills sold for sheep pasture. None of us have ever seen rolling hilltop sites amidst such splendor which hold the potential values that may develop here.

The Inventory Parcel plots offered simultaneously will be somewhat of a competition to this opening. That is what we planned. We felt certain some time back that we had more inquiry and of various types than could be supplied from these few 47 plots. If you are in a hurry to occupy your land, select from the Inventory Parcels at once.

These Avocado Acres are offered subject to 90 per cent being subscribed or the es-

utility in the valley. When they have before them the completed sale to over forty families we may be offered a better plan. You will understand the better position we are then in.

The fundamental value of these Avocado Acres is submitted in the following form: The sixty acres involved average $2000 an acre. Many of the estates being larger than an acre.

In 1924 or 25—prior to the opening of the cement boulevard to Hollywood—this Home Extension Association bought the forty-acre olive tract in the floor of the valley and paid for it to Wright Brothers of Riverside at the rate of $2100 an acre net. Added to this was street work, water and selling expenses in the sale. We retailed it out at retail prices based thereon. That represents the normal wholesale price basis.

We submit that the olive tract is lovely homeland, but as to high residential character for estates, the tract of Avocado Acres surpasses it in the general market three and four to one. This is not true as to strictly farmland values, of course, but we have grown through social development, far beyond that. Recent isolated sales of choice sightly estates in the valley have been as high as $7000 an acre. The terms, price and value vary in meaning.

Values have been going up in Southern California recently but many inflated prices have been coming down for readjustment. Price, is the amount of money a thing will exchange for. Value consists in its true meaning of the fundamental features of a thing in use.

We, therefore, in the light of our own experience and knowledge, submit without further argument the question of the wholesale price for you to act upon. The parcels vary in character and choice. If one is priced too high, then another is priced too low, for the average is held. Ergo, find the bargain.

RESTRICTIONS: Occupation is restricted to persons of the White Caucasian race; and owners reserve right to reject any appliction without cause or reason, and to reject acceptance of any application unless 90% of all lots in the Tract are subscribed.

Permanent residences restricted to the minimum value of $3500 under plans approved by Home Extension architects; but garage-apartments of cobble stone or stucco or other Home Extension approved form may be used for a period of five years as a residence. No lumber extensions thereon may later be connected unless of rustic design approved in writing by the Home Extension architects.

In applications for public street improvements, when made, specifications may call for the installation of underground conduits for all public service utilities such as electric light and telephone poles, etc., and drilling for oil shall be prohibited except by unanimous approval of all lot owners in the tract.

STREET WORK: The assessments for the building of the cement Hollywood road (Hanson street) shall be paid for by Sellers of the property, but all future street improvements will be borne by the new owners. Owing to the lack of an extensive traffic in small park like area light macadam streets without sidewalks will give character and value to the property with little perceptible burden of cost, as spread over years through the taxes. Underground conduits, however, add to this but become of great residential value.

TERMS: No payment of either principal or interest will be required of club members, except the purchase payment upon the water stock and pipe extension account, which amounts to $160 per acre parcel. Thereafter, within three months, you will begin quarterly payments of the interest only at seven per cent per annum, for two years. After two years you may continue paying interest quarterly for another three year period. (Five years in all without payment on the principal cost price.) But the continuance of the interest only payments, is conditioned upon and only because of your bona-fide residence upon the land purchased. If at the end of two years it is not occupied by actual dwelling, sellers may call for three equal annual installments and interest.

WATER SERVICE: We propose a probable mutual company because, Avocado Acre Estates is a bit isolated from the existing mains of the local public water company from Tujunga, are distant from this point. And although the fire plug and mains of the City of Los Angeles are at one corner of the property we do not want to have our homes at the upper end of the top pressure of either of the systems as we would be, at the elevations of this Avocado tract. The Home Extension officials installed the public water utility that serves this Tujunga valley and owned it many years. We just sold it to a public utility merger within a few past months at an aggregate price of over $200,000. We therefore, having managed and operated thus for fifteen years, may be counted to understand the water situation herein. Having also a direct interest in the owning syndicate of these lands, and being responsible for the safe character of the underlying mortgage securities of this liberal credit; it may be deemed that whatever the owners consider safe for this 100% credit in home making will be engineeringly perfect for future welfare.

The local public utility (of which we were but lately the owners) does not grasp the meaning of sudden and immediate group action in land matters, but are more or less accustomed to the usual half-baked results of land sub-division where a few white stakes and almost no consumers of water come, at least for many years. Wherefore, they are disinclined to build new mains without extensive advances. If the money has to be advanced we may do it somewhat better for the residents of the tract later and we have proposed a plan that will permit us to either install a mutual water system owned exclusively by the land owners, or to accept an extension of service from the local public

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from the local public utility in the valley. When they have before them the completed sale to over forty families we may bee offered a better plan. You will understand the better position we are then in.

A payment of $160 upon each acre parcel will secure water stock in the proposed mutual, plus the installation of steel pipes to reach each plot, and the first year's use of free water. We have tied up water bearing land in the Tujunga river wash adjoining this land. In this river bed we have had operated wells for our other colonies established in 1907 (Hansen Heights) and which wells stood the test of years pumping and since abandoned because the lands came under the Owens Aqueduct. Standing beside the great gravel bed water hole of all Southern California, and with our experience—we will provide the best working water arrangement that can be had, either mutual or by proper arrangement with the local public utility.

Installations in either event, will require from 60 to 90 days after the Tract is subscribed. The water will not be upon the land until about June 1st.

If you are in a hurry to be located, or if you prefer to take the public utility service, you should give consideration at once to the other lands in this simultaneous Opening, known as the Inventory Parcels.

Those lands, in the Inventory Parcels, have with very few noted exceptions, the pipe lines already in the street ready for connection and service by the Haines Canyon Water Company. You can make your application and receive your contract and be upon these lands practically within a day of the moment you decide. Wherefore, you will follow our water policy in our cautious preparations of the future of Avocado Acre Estates, or select from the Inventory Parcels according to your own circumstances and judgment.

TAXES: All taxes are paid as due to date. Contracts are subject to the last half of current year's taxes due on the 2d Monday in April next.

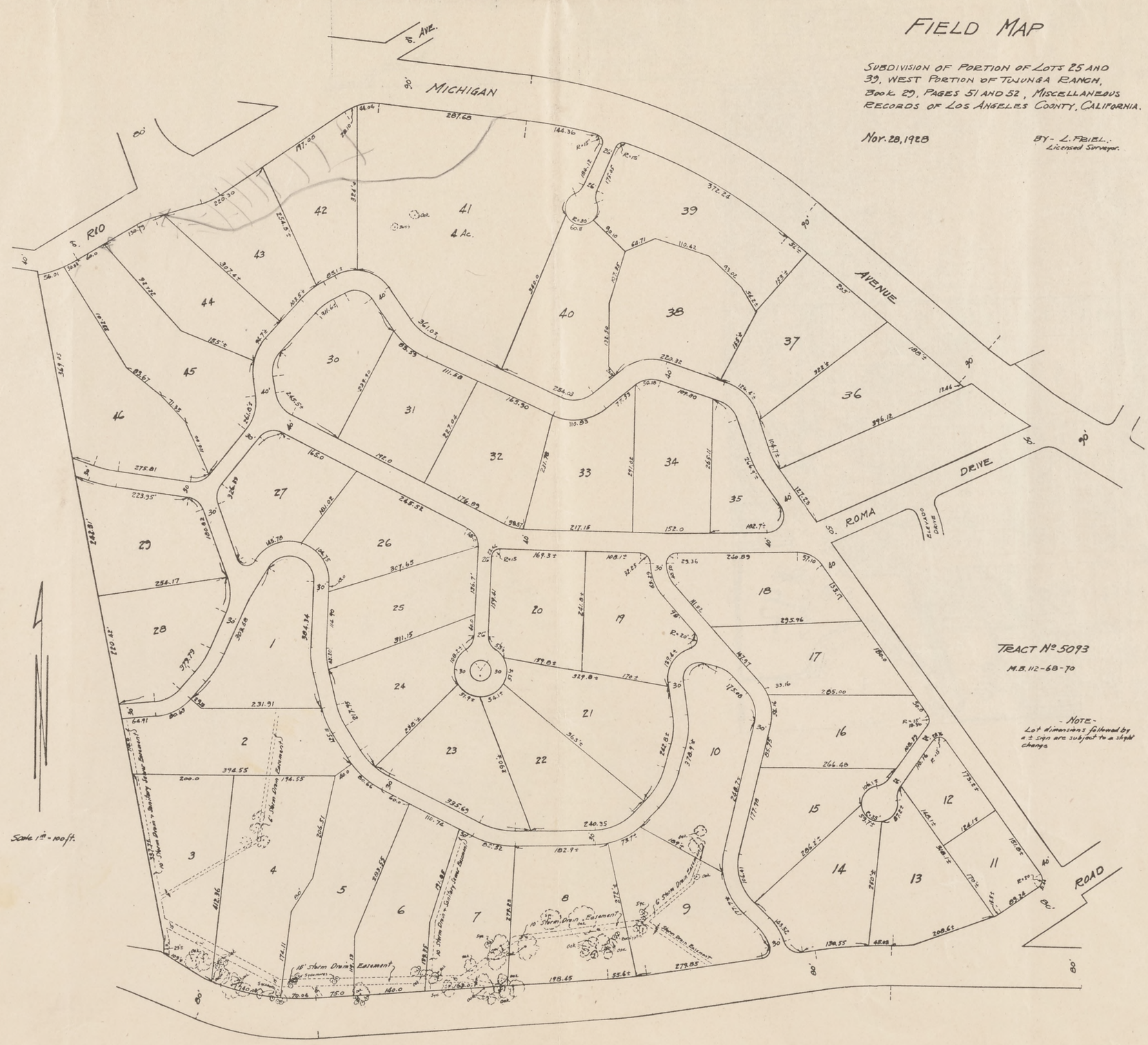
ESCROW CLOSING: Members will have the entire month of February for making selections and depositing escrow payments in Avocado Acres. Unless 90% of the plots are subscribed then or prior thereto, the right is reserved to decline all applications and abandon the idea of development of the tract at this time.

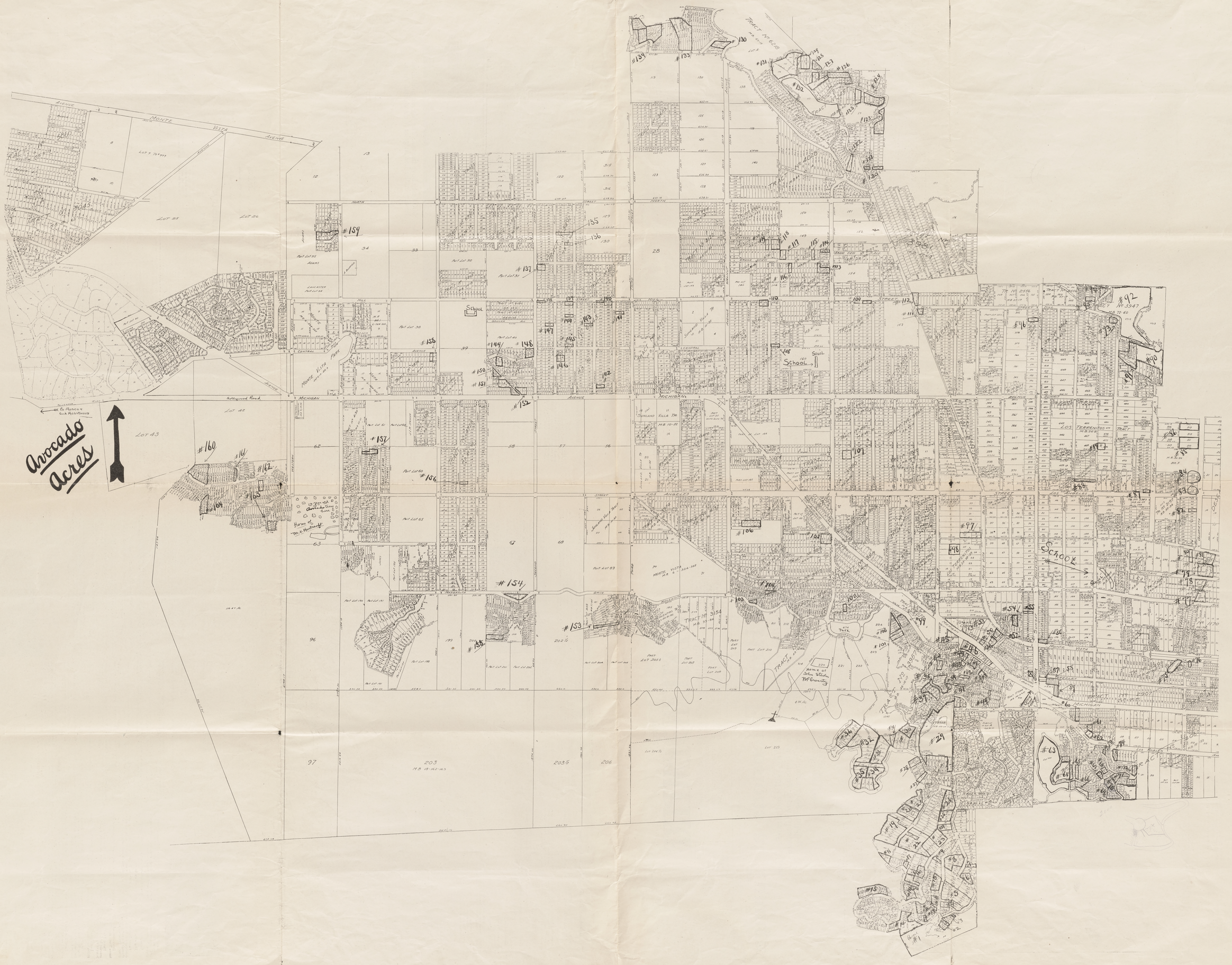
BUSINESS RESTRICTED FROM TRACT: All commercial business will be restricted from the entire tract, subject only to the zoning ordinances of the City of Los Angeles, in which City the tract is located. The Hollywood road plots might be zoned for tea rooms or attractive business of that kind, among those oak trees, on the lower lands. The Zoning Commission and City Planning Commission cover these points thoroughly these days in co-operation with local residents.

LOT PRICES:—Following are graded NET prices, without further discount:—

PRICE LIST AND TERMS ON AVOCADO ACRE ESTATES

Lot 1—	Price	$1300	contains about	1.10 acres
Lot 2—	"	1300	" "	1.25 "
Lot 3—	"	2400	" "	1.30 "
Lot 4—	"	2900	" "	1.62 "
Lot 5—	"	2400	" "	1.40 "
Lot 6—	"	2400	" "	1.08 "
Lot 7—	"	3200	" "	1.00 "
Lot 8—	"	7000	" "	1.39 "
Lot 9—	"	2200	" "	1.33 "
Lat 10—	"	1650	" "	1.17 "
Lot 11—	"	1800	" "	.51 "
Lot 12—	"	1800	" "	.51 "
Lot 13—	"	3500	" "	1.00 "
Lot 14—	"	2900	" "	1.00 "
Lot 15—	"	2450	" "	1.00 "
Lot 16—	"	2800	" "	1.00 "
Lot 17—	"	2600	" "	1.00 "
Lot 18—	"	2800	" "	1.01 "
Lot 19—	"	2000	" "	1.00 "
Lot 20—	"	3400	" "	1.00 "
Lot 21—	"	3400	" "	1.11 "
Lot 22—	"	3200	" "	1.06 "
Lot 23—	"	2500	" "	1.05 "
Lot 24—	"	2500	" "	1.00 "
Lot 25—	"	2200	" "	1.00 "
Lot 26—	"	2000	" "	1.00 "
Lot 27—	"	2000	" "	1.00 "
Lot 28—	"	1600	" "	1.06 "
Lot 29—	"	2800	" "	1.06 "
Lot 30—	"	6000	" "	1.00 "
Lot 31—	"	3500	" "	1.00 "
Lot 32—	"	3500	" "	1.02 "
Lot 33—	"	3400	" "	1.00 "
Lot 34—	"	2700	" "	1.00 "
Lot 35—	"	1250	" "	.57 "
Lot 36—	"	2400	" "	1.22 "
Lot 37—	"	2100	" "	1.18 "
Lot 38—	"	4900	" "	1.37 "
Lot 39—	"	800	" "	1.44 "
Lot 40—	"	1600	" "	1.25 "
Lot 41—	"	10,280	" "	4.00 "
Lot 42—	"	700	" "	.98 "
Lot 43—	"	800	" "	.95 "
Lot 44—	"	800	" "	1.00 "
Lot 45—	"	1400	" "	1.47 "
Lot 46—	"	1800	" "	1.48 "

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SUMMIT AVENUE
LOS TERRENITOS TRACT
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